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I give, devise, and bequeath to the Essex Institute, a corporation duly incorporated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and located in the City of Salem, in said Commonwealth, ...

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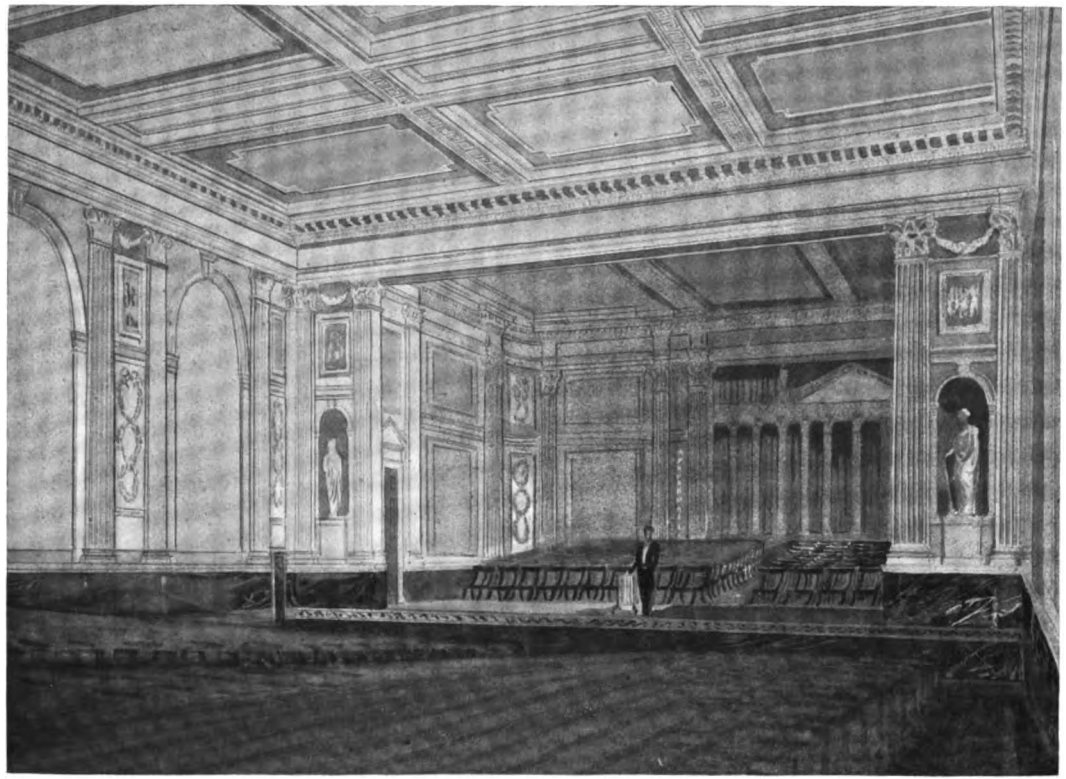

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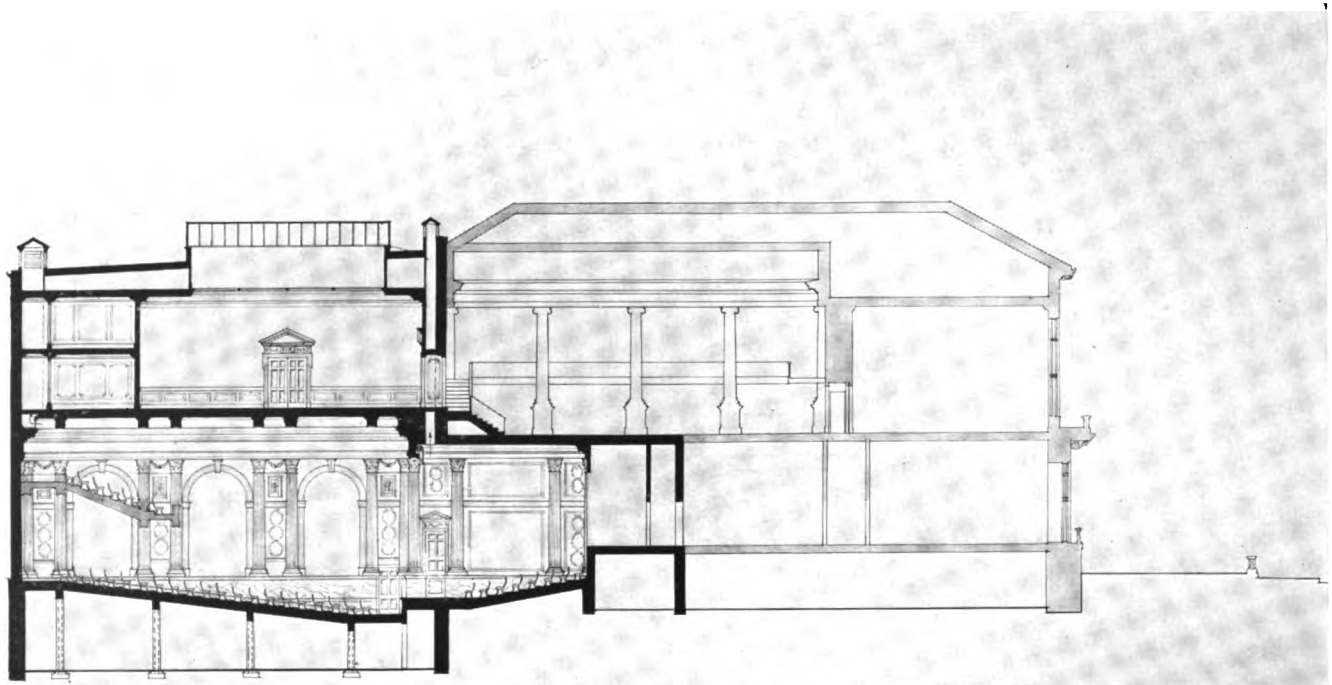

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ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

This is the ninety-fourth year since the senior of our component parts began its useful existence in 1821 — and the present condition of our society is proof of the interest that has been continuously taken by many public spirited, and personally interested, citizens.

As the child grows, and out-grows those necessary enclosures that are called clothes — so has this Institute greatly outgrown its clothes, or more properly speaking, its home.

Givers have been generous, and the true usefulness of gifts cannot be realized until they are placed so that they can be clearly and readily seen by members and visitors. They may be persons coming either from interested curiosity, or with some real object, perhaps a bit uncertain at first — which in either case, may result in, one way or another, true benefit to the community. What I venture to call for this purpose the community, may be no limit as to territory whence members or visitors may come to us.

Such benefit may be of varied kinds:—aesthetic or practical, perhaps a combination of both, giving increased pleasure and happiness, or profits in money, and otherwise.

This is a proper time to make known our grateful appreciation of what we receive, and to say words in the hope of encouraging further giving to us; and also it is a favored time to express our needs for housing the generous gifts which we now possess, and hope to receive. In such connection we cannot forget the fact that expenses constantly increase, in the reasonable course of our work.

The only way to attract gifts is to pretty clearly picture the possibilities that our plant here offers. Plans should always be ready in advance to make clear what would help

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in developing our valuable historic work, and in recording, the future history that is making fast.

We have plans in the keeping of our Curator, Mr. Dow, always ready for such inspection, which provide for a fire-proof addition in the rear of the present museum building, supplying three large picture galleries, and a dozen small rooms for the exhibition of special collections, such as the Lee Collection, H. F. Waters Collection, room for engravings, room for Salem pictures, an Osgood room, a children's room, etc. The building also would supply a book stack holding 450,000 volumes, and lastly, and equally important, a lecture and concert hall seating over 1000 people and equipped, it is to be hoped, with an organ — the dream of the late Francis H. Lee, and he frequently spoke of it.

The proposed hall is located in a corner of the lot adjoining the Armory where the space could not well be utilized for museum purposes, so that in a sense it occupies space otherwise unused. As for the *needs* for additional space for the museum, a glance about its present congested quarters will soon tell the story of crowded space with portraits and fine paintings suspended from iron railing of the gallery and closely covering the walls of the picture gallery. We have at the present time enough material packed away to fill another gallery in the museum; and what will happen when the next considerable gift of pottery arrives we are at a loss to say. Estimated total cost, $105,000.

The Institute has lost during the past year, by death, one of its vice-presidents — Abner Cheney Goodell. Having been born in Cambridge in 1831, he had been a resident in Salem since early childhood. The earliest ancestors of his name came from Dennington, Suffolk, England, in 1634. Among his ancestors we find inventors, scholars, lawyers, and other busy men of affairs, with names well known throughout New England.

His strong personality and genial disposition taken away, leave a vacancy that will be missed in the future onward course of the Institute of which he was so fond. I cannot do better in paying tribute to Mr. Goodell's memory, than to refer you to Mr. Putnam's memoir in our Historical Collections.

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By the death of Mr. Ross S. Turner we have lost one whose guiding mind and attractive personality will be missed. He was long Curator of Art by appointment of the Board of Directors, and could always be relied on to do his work of love for the Institute cheerfully and well.

Your Board of Directors have invited Mr. Philip Little to succeed Mr. Turner, and we are fortunate in the fact that he has accepted the Curatorship of Art.

During the Essex House fire the Peabody Museum became a test case as to the value of fireproof roofs with metal skylights. Sparks fell there and that building stands unharmed.

So with our Library and Museum buildings we are glad in the knowledge that they are reasonably defended, and in that same way, against such outside dangers.

Your Directors are cognizant of the short-comings in all of the older classes of buildings, and are endeavoring to keep fire risks to our property here at a minimum.

There are those—of which number I am one—who believe that a tablet should be erected upon the walls of our Entrance Hall to briefly mark the history of the Institute in an appropriate form, both from the historic value and the instruction to visitors that such a tablet would afford. It is a worthy subject for a gift when the wording and location for the same shall be satisfactory to your managers and an estimate available.

The Institute has been near danger during the past year from Salem's great fire, and escaped unsinged. In such an escape we have much to be thankful for. With roofs that do not readily catch fire, and these well sky-lighted, we have a good defense against sparks and fire brands, in which our brick walls are an essential feature. Our "fireproof" well deserves that name.

Much cheerful and earnest work is being done within Library, Museum and our grounds, which cannot be too highly commended.

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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

The membership of the Essex Institute on April 30, 1915 was 567 in number, consisting of 503 active members, 20 life members, and 44 on the corresponding list. During the past year 28 active members have been elected and accepted membership, while 15 have been dropped for nonpayment of dues, 15 have withdrawn, and 21 have died. Among the latter were James A. Gillis, Esq., elected a member in 1854, John F. Brooks of Boston, elected in 1856, Charles H. Price, elected in 1866, Nathaniel A. Very, elected in 1867, Ross S. Turner, elected in 1886 and Abner Cheney Goodell who was elected a member in 1857 and was senior Vice-President of the Institute at the time of his death. A biographical sketch of Mr. Goodell, with a bibliography of his published writings, will appear in the July issue of the Historical Collections. A man of most unusual knowledge of the sources of New England history and possessed of acute and almost microscopic powers of analysis, his published historical work must ever remain a monument to his great industry and learning. His elaborate annotations to the Province Laws of Massachusetts will always be of inestimable value to the students of her history and all who may wish to investigate the outbreak of witchcraft frenzy in Salem village must ever deplore that antagonistic and unscholarly spirit which prevented the inclusion in Volume VI of the Province Laws of nearly two hundred pages of notes upon that subject prepared by Mr. Goodell and which had been stereotyped and were ready for the printer. It is sincerely to be hoped that galley proofs of these pages, which were in existance a dozen years ago, may be found among his papers and eventually become available to scholars, for the book upon witchcraft contemplated by Mr. Goodell, never was written.

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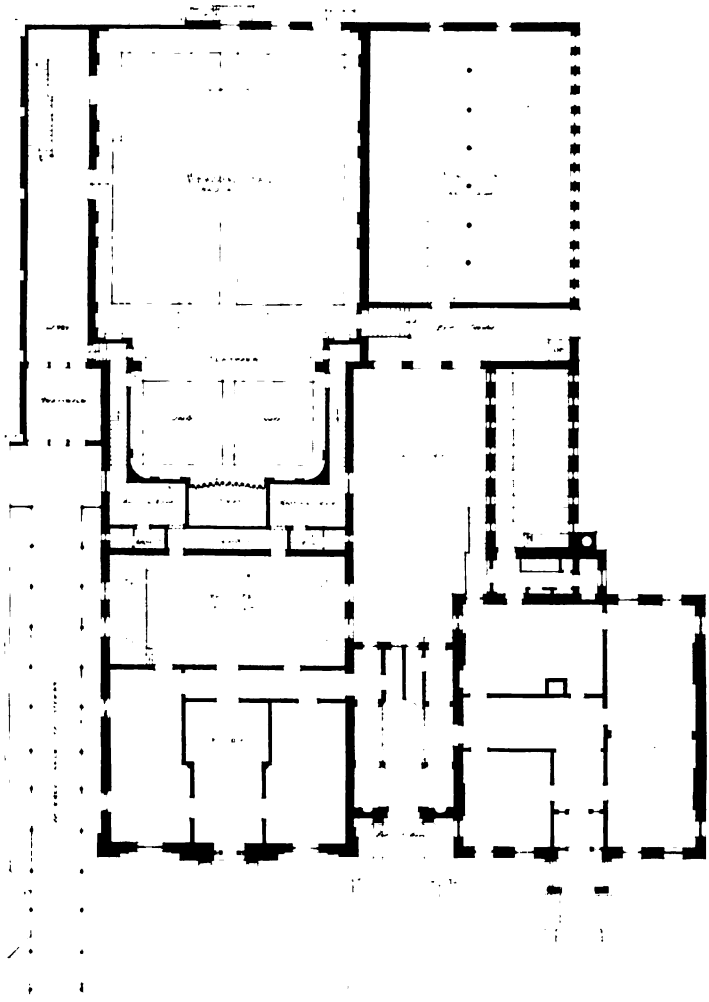

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The attendance in the museum has been over sixteen per cent. less than last year, the week day attendance being 2,795 less, while that on Sundays and holidays was 2,117 less. This falling off in part was due to the closing of the museum for two weeks immediately following the great conflagration in June, but removals from the city and the great attraction of the ruins left by the fire must account for the large decrease in the number of visitors.

Attendance	Week-days	Sundays	Holidays
May, 1914	742	914	244
June	1,164	410	184
July	1,989	607	—
August	2,302	682	—
September	1,338	665	202
October	1,015	1,036	228
November	1,018	1,330	190
December	410	1,007	114
January, 1915	418	1,587	—
February	590	965	389
March,	691	806	—
April	646	775	129
	12,323	10,784	1,670

Totals,	Week-days,	12,323
	Sundays,	10,784
	Holidays,	1,670
		24,777

The public lectures, as usual, have been given in Academy Hall, the Trustees of the Peabody Museum co-operating with the Institute. Eight lectures were given in the Free Course, seven of which were illustrated. Seven evenings were occupied by the Home Course, at which refreshments were served. Five of these lectures were illustrated by radiopticon.

The Free Course was as follows:—

Dec. 21, 1914. Mr. Charles W. Furlong of Boston—"Fertile Argentina and its vast Patagonian pampas."

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Dec. 28, 1914. Mr. Sumner R. Vinton of Newton Centre—"Kipling's India."

Jan. 11, 1915. Mr. Ralph E. Towle of Boston—"The Inca Empire."

Jan. 25, 1915. Mr. W. S. C. Russell of Springfield—"Horseback Tours in Iceland."

Feb. 8. 1915. Willard B. Luther, Esq. of Boston—"The Belgian Battle Line."

Feb. 22, 1915. Mr. Herbert W. Gleason of Boston—"The Grand Canyon of Arizona."

Mar. 8, 1915. Dr. Alfred M. Tozzer of the Peabody Museum, Cambridge—"Picture Writing and the Beginnings of our Alphabet."

Mar. 22, 1915. Mr. Langdon Warner of Boston—"Ancient Buddist Temples of Cambodia."

The Home Course was as follows:—

Jan. 4, 1915. Hon. William H. Gove of Salem—"Glimpses of Europe during the summer of 1914."

Jan. 18, 1915. Mr. Julius Helburn of Salem—"Impressions of an American tourist in Europe during the summer of 1914."

Feb. 1, 1915. Mrs. Margaret D. Phillips of Salem—"A trip through the Far East."

Feb. 15, 1915. Mr. Matthew Robson of Salem—"Blubber Hollow and its Leather Industry."

Mar. 1, 1915. Sidney Perley, Esq. of Salem—"The Indians of Massachusetts; their life and interests."

Mar. 15, 1915. Miss Annie L. Warner of Salem—"Seabirds and other things in Canada."

Mar. 29, 1915. Mr. Winfield S. Nevins of Salem—"The White Mountains, their hills and vales."

The small lecture hall has again demonstrated its usefulness. Here have met the Travel Class of the Salem Women's Club and also the Salem Hospital Alumnae Association, while frequently it has been used by classes from the public schools which have come for talks by the Secretary, illustrated by specimens from the museum, upon such subjects as "Lamps and Lighting," "The Making of Fire," "Early Spinning and Weaving," "The Money of our

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Fathers," etc. These small talks and demonstrations have aroused a wider interest and have been given in varied form before audiences in various parts of the County and even in more distant localities. To see the flying wheel twist the fibers of flax into thread and to watch the spark from the flint and steel grow into a flame with which to light the old time candle, always arouse the greatest interest and curiosity.

The collection of souvenir post cards has received nearly 3,000 accessions from various friends, more especially from Mrs. Fred A. Coker, the Salem Fraternity, the estate of Miss Lydia Towne, and Mrs. Henry Wardwell. Emphasis is again laid upon the usefulness of these cards to the public schools and to societies and churches. During the past six months 1,721 cards have been loaned on 39 separate occasions to 24 different schools, societies and individuals. May it again be suggested that the Institute welcomes additions to this collection from any source. When upon pleasure or business you visit various cities, states or countries, please remember the "stay at homes" and send to us your contributions to please and instruct.

The Institute has again aided the city in its work in the evening schools by loaning the use of its stereopticon lantern at Academy Hall, and it also has co-operated with the Salem Oratorio Society by opening the Reading Room for its weekly rehearsals.

A more substantial form of aid was given to the city in the weeks immediately following the great fire when nearly the entire staff devoted itself to the work of making usable the card catalog of the sufferers and the work of the rehabilitation committee. The labor of alphabeting on a large scale required technical and linguistic skill and the trained catalogers and assistants from our vital records staff performed a work of the greatest value at a critical time when haste and accuracy were of the utmost importance.

The publications of the year include the Vital Records of Westford, the fourth and last volume of the Bentley Diary, the current volume of the Historical Collections and the Annual Report. The fourth volume of the Records and Files of the Quarterly Courts of Essex County also

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has been printed lacking only the index. The vital records of Stoneham, Carlisle and West Newbury have been compiled and edited and are ready for the printer and final work is now being done in completing the vital records of Salem, a work which has now extended over a number of years. All the records at the City Hall have been copied and with the intention of filling as far as may be the numerous gaps in the official records, we are now copying all the church records and cemetery inscriptions. This latter work is well in hand and should be completed early in the summer. But still many dates are lacking and so a house-to-house canvas is now being made for family Bible records, and diaries or other contemporaneous records containing vital information. Every scrap of original record relating to a Salem birth, marriage or death is greatly desired. The vital records of Salem probably never again will be printed, at least while modern printed paper survives the "gnawing tooth of Time," and so we would implore each and all to aid in making these records as complete as possible.

Allusion was made a year ago to a new undertaking, the compilation and publication of the Probate Records of Essex County beginning with the earliest estate — in a sense, a companion work to the publication of the "Records of the Quarterly Courts" which now is in its fourth volume and is progressing so well. During the 17th century the probate records of Essex County were entered in widely separated books of record, and are now found in the Massachusetts Archives, in the Registry of Deeds, in the probate records of Suffolk County, and even in the Ipswich town records. The earliest probate records — the wills, the inventories, and the accompanying papers of interest— after having been collected from their varied sources were first printed in the Historical Collections, but early this spring the importance of the work in making available and preserving these priceless records was brought to the attention of the County Commissioners who agreed to assume the greater part of the cost of preparing the copy for the printer so that now it will be possible to publish a volume annually, and then no county within the limits of

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the United States will be accomplishing more in preserving its early records.

The publication of the fourth and last volume of the "Diary of Rev. William Bentley" deserves passing comment. The work of copying the original manuscript began ten years ago. The four volumes contain nearly 2500 printed pages and present a wonderful photograph of Salem life in all its aspects at a period when the town was at the height of its maritime prosperity. Included in the last volume is a minute subject index to the four volumes which by its numerous classified entries under such topics as animals, books, crimes, food, furnishings, trades, etc., etc., renders the Diary of the utmost possible value. A similarly arranged index in the volumes of "Records of the Quarterly Courts of Essex County" has received much praise at the hands of the reviewers and a recent estimate which appeared in the American Historical Review concludes "that if ever a volume lifted the roofs from multitudes of seventeenth-century houses and showed us fully what was going on within, this volume does so."

A Californian subscriber to the Historical Collections who recently purchased a complete set upon receiving the Index volume last month wrote as follows: "A few evenings ago I went over the Historical Collections with the sole purpose of observing through the publications how the Institute has grown and broadened its scope. The growth has been marvelous and reflects much credit upon the men and women who have given it fostering care."

Unexpected words of appreciation are always most stimulating. Too often much is taken for granted. But it truly may be said that wherever the publications of the Institute may be found — in European libraries, in the Far East, or widely scattered over our own country, there the dignity of presentation and the high standard of their achievement always will be recognized.

The gifts to the museum during the past year have been numerous and varied. Mrs. Lee has added over 1300 coins to the superb collection presented last year, among them being fine examples of the Massachusetts "pine tree money," the rare "N. E." shilling of 1652 and a Wash-

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ington gold medal cut by Jacob Perkins of Newburyport. Many a pleasant hour has been spent during the past winter in classifying the Institute's collection of coins which now numbers over 6,000 specimens and is particularly strong in the coinage of the United States. In addition, the Robinson collection of Oriental coins numbers over 3,000 examples. Several trays containing a portion of the Lee collection have been labelled and are before you this evening.

Mrs. Lee has also presented a collection of articles of costume and laces, a collection which she intends to enlarge in the near future and with that end in view has assumed the cost of new swinging frames for wall display and a new table case to contain small objects.

Miss Elizabeth W. Silsbee also has given several dresses and other articles of costume while from Miss Martha C. Codman of Newport, R. I., has come a beautiful silk brocade dress formerly worn by Mrs. Elias Hasket Derby, and from Miss Grace Lawrence of Forge Village, Mass., have been received numerous examples of hand-woven fabrics—rose blankets, quilts, table cloths, towels and handkerchiefs—woven about the year 1820 by her grandmother. Two very fine blue and white hand-woven coverlets dated respectively 1838 and 1839 were purchased from the income of the Frederick Lamson fund.

The conflagration in June was responsible for the gift of numerous articles and for the loan of others among which may be mentioned six valuable paintings lent by Mr. Henry W. Belknap, including a "Baby Stuart" claimed to be a replica from Van Dyke's own brush. Mr. George G. Putnam presented the portrait of his grandfather, Perley Putnam, painted by Osgood, which had a very narrow escape from the flames and Miss Mary T. Saunders gave an interesting desk brought from China about 1810 by Capt. William Cleveland and which was saved from her house after flying brands had set fire to the roof.

Two generations and more ago it was the fashion among genteel people to drink tea from the saucer and while the fragrant liquid was cooling it was necessary to rest the tea

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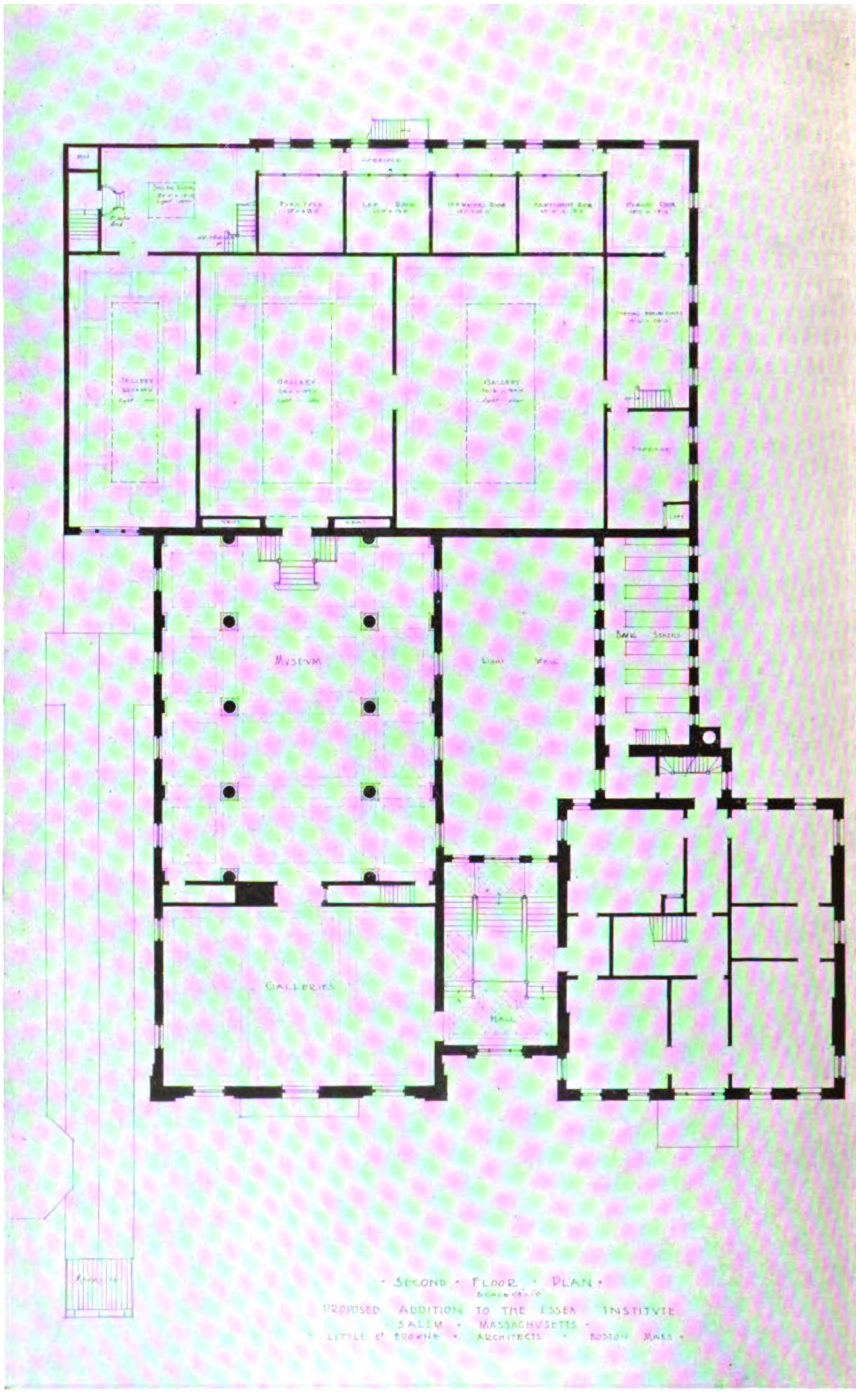

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cup where the cloth might not be soiled and accordingly "cup plates" came into existence—a small, shallow saucer, sometimes of Staffordshire ware but usually of pressed glass. Most of the cup plates used in this vicinity were made by the Boston and Sandwich Glass Company. Through the zeal and generosity of Mr. Lawrence W. Jenkins, the Institute possesses a collection of sixty-three different examples of these glass plates. The larger number are of transparent glass, but some are opalescent or milky and one is a deep blue. The glass is moulded into various designs, usually ornamented with scroll work, flowers or stars. A bird resembling an eagle sometimes ornaments the center, or perhaps a ship or a profile of Henry Clay.

From the Marquise de Peruzzi de Medici of Rome, Italy, has been received the plaster model of "Saul," a statue modelled by her father, W. W. Story, who was born in Salem. Saul is represented at the moment when the evil spirit is upon him and David is called in to play to him. The bearded figure of the king is seated in a chair and his stern features are fixedly directed toward the ground. Unfortunately lack of space at present prevents the public exhibition of this example of the work of Salem's well known sculptor. The considerable expense of transportation from Italy was borne by Mr. William C. Endicott.

Several years ago there came to light in the attic a small board on which dimly could be seen a defaced painting of Essex Street as it appeared about the year 1830. On the begrimed back of the board was written in pencil in the handwriting of Doctor Wheatland—"Presented by Jonathan P. Cloutman, January 1868." While clearing up some shelves early in the winter this board again came to light and upon receiving a soap and water treatment the outlines of a building began to appear on the back as the encrusted dirt gave way and soon the handwriting of Doctor Wheatland was replaced by a picture of Essex Street looking west from Derby Square. Upon seeing the result the interest of Mr. William C. Endicott was aroused and at his expense Mr. Lewis J. Bridgeman has made water

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color copies of both sides of the board supplying, after much study, the parts of the pictures which had scaled away and disappeared. The original and the copies are before you. Essex Street looking east and west is represented between 1826 when the First Church was built and 1839 when the Henfield building was taken down upon the construction of the Tunnel.

Two additions have been made to our collection of Rogers' groups—"The Wounded Scout" given by Miss Annette P. Rogers of Boston and "Neighboring Pews" given by Miss A. L. Joslin of Boston.

From John B. Etheridge, have come numerous examples of pottery, glass bottles, baskets, lithographed mourning pieces, etc.

From the Misses Willson, pottery, glass, pieces of patch and copperplate, toys, jugs, etc.

From Miss Anna Tappan of Manchester, a pine board on which in former times "Johnny cake" and "Indian bannock" were spread and baked before the open fire.

From Miss Katharine M. Gray, a pierced silver ladle made about 1810 by Baldwin of Salem, and used in the Howard Street or Branch Church, to remove the flies from the communion wine.

From Miss Caroline L. Martin, a melodeon made by James S. Parks of Boston and from Mr. J. Hardy Dayton, a seraphine made by N. B. Jewett of Worcester.

From the American Type Founders Company of Jersey City, a printing press made about 1800 by Ramage of Philadelphia. A still older printing press with some office equipment may also come into our possession during the coming year.

From Mr. George T. Read of Belfast, Me., has been received upon loan an imperfect model of a steamboat invented by his grandfather, Hon. Nathan Reed of Salem. At the same time came a working model of the nailcutting machine also invented by Reed and used in his iron works on Danvers river, together with the patent signed by John Adams. Rather more than a century ago Nathan Reed lived in a house that stood exactly on the spot where we are meeting this evening and his invention of a steamboat and

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its successful navigation on Danvers river is a matter of common knowledge in this vicinity. The original patent for his invention, signed by Washington, formerly was in the custody of the Institute. Almost ten years ago with deep regret this loan was surrendered to its owner, a descendent, who then lived in Nashua, N. H.

An interesting side light upon Reed's application for a patent for his invention has recently been discovered in Washington by Mr. H. C. Gauss, in a memorandum book in the Library of the State Department, which seems to have been a daily minute book of transactions for the first two or three years of the Department.

"April 16, 1790. Nathan Reid of Salem, in the State of Massachusetts presented his petition to the Secretary of State, the Secretary for the Department of War and the Attorney General of the United States praying that the sole and executive right of making, constructing, using and vending to others his inventions and improvements in the art of distillation, and in the cylinder and case, made use of by Watt and Boulton, may be granted to him for 14 years. Informed to attend on Saturday the 17th instant.

"April 17, 1790. Nathan Reid attended—present the Secretary of State and the Secretary for the War Department. Having produced the plans and descriptions of his inventions and improvements, he was requested to prepare models of the same and when they were made to give information.

"April 22, 1790. Nathan Reid having given information that he had prepared the models of the inventions and improvements, produced the same to Thomas Jefferson, Esq., Secretary of State and Henry Knox, Esq., Secretary of the Department of War. Agreed that the inventions and improvements communicated by Mr. Nathan Reid are useful and important. Ordered that letters patent be granted to Mr. Nathan Reid securing to him his discoveries and improvements in the portable furnace boiler, improved steam cylinder and the vascular stills.

"April 23, 1790. Nathan Reid of Salem in the State of Massachusetts presented his petition shewing that he has discovered a machine for moving and directing land carriages by steam, also an improved method of impelling

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boats or vessels through water; also a machine for communicating motion by the effect of heat and cold on metals, and praying for letters patent to secure to him the benefits of his discoveries and improvements.

"June 2, 1790. James Rumsey, by his agent, Joseph Barnes, presented a petition praying that letters patent may not be granted to Nathan Reid of Salem for the exclusive right of vending the several portable furnace boilers generally described in the petition of the said Reid, because the said James Rumsey is the original inventor of said portable furnace boilers which said Barnes is ready to prove.

"July 7, 1790. John Fitch applied for a patent for a steamboat."

Not as much work in the museum has been accomplished as had been planned at the beginning of the year because of more pressing demands in other directions. However, the cases of costume have been rearranged, also the lamps and lighting, the collection of baskets and the case containing implements of writing and miscellaneous small objects. Over five hundred labels have been written.

Thanks to the urgent advice of Mr. John Albree the danger to our buildings from loss by fire has been somewhat mitigated. Before the great conflagration in June, all the skylights had been replaced by new copper sash supplied with wire glass and later in the year automatic door checks were placed on the doors leading into the rear hallway of the Library Building and the transoms were filled with wire glass. Probably the greatest danger from fire, at the present times, exists in the wooden cornices of both buildings and in the wooden sash of the windows next the Armory and toward Mr. Pingree's house. To replace with copper at present prices is practically out of the question but the near future should see steps taken to remove this possible danger to our priceless collections. A more costly but more perfect protection would be the erection of a fireproof addition in the rear of our present Museum Building to which the more precious objects could be at once transferred. Both the additional space and the protection are greatly needed and the faith is not lacking that in some way or other they will be supplied.

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REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

The additions to the library during the past year have been as follows:—

	Volumes	Pamphlets	Serials
By donation and exchange,	1,369	5,075	2,876
By purchase,	110	135	550
By subscription,	——	——	676

Total of accessions, 1,479 volumes, and 9,312 pamphlets and serials.

Among the many gifts to the library the following should be mentioned:—from Mrs. Percy Chase a marine encyclopaedia, printed in Padua in 1784, which was purchased in Italy by Mr. Chase and formed a part of his library until his death when it was presented to the Institute for its marine collection; from Mrs. Francis H. Lee a large number of books of travel, art books, etc., including a descriptive history of the Vatican printed in Rome in 1829 in eight folio volumes, beautifully illustrated and bound,—the Cabot Rotterdam Bible,—old account books,—a trunk full of John C. Lee manuscripts, and a lot of papers found in the John Cabot house; from Miss Mary O. Pickering reports of the Massachusetts Constitutional Convention in 1778, and several pamphlets written by her ancestors Timothy and John Pickering and bearing their autographs,—also a collection of Pickering manuscript; from Mr. William K. Bixby of St. Louis, a letter from Lieutenant Story transmitting a pamphlet from the Salem East India Marine Society, and President Thomas Jefferson's letter in reply; from Mr. Alfred Bowditch of Boston the record book of the survey of Salem in 1794 by Nathaniel Bowditch, a work book kept by Nathaniel Bowditch, and a record book on the settlement of the estate of Mrs.

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Rachel Forrester of which Nathaniel Bowditch was executor; from Miss Martha C. Codman of Newport, R. I., a collection of manuscript of Benjamin Pickman the well known Salem merchant; from Mr. Edward Gray of Boston, miscellaneous manuscripts of Franklin H. Story, a Boston merchant; from Mr. E. W. Upton of Upton, Mass., the Secretary's records of the Freedman's Aid Society of Salem from 1866 to 1871,—the Director's records of the Danvers Aqueduct Company, 1830-1832,—and the account books of E. W. Upton not to be opened until 1940.

The collection of Massachusetts Tax Acts has been enlarged by the addition of 22 issues dating from 1735 to 1808, and 4 of the rare Massachusetts folio laws for the Revolutionary period have been secured. The Essex County collection has received many valuable additions during the year including 166 town and school reports. Many of these have been obtained from the various town clerks, but 82 reports were donated by one person through the solicitation of Mr. Willis H. Ropes. Log books to the number of 26 have been received during the year and 48 volumes of the Rudder and other marine periodicals currently received by subscription have been bound. The city directories collection has received 73 additions, nearly all of Massachusetts towns and of recent date. The Institute always welcomes gifts of directories of any date and the members would confer a favor by sending to the library each issue of the Salem directory as soon as a new one is published so that duplicates may be available for exchange with other libraries.

Thanks are due as in former years, to Messrs. Lawrence W. Jenkins, Sidney Perley, Willis H. Ropes, Hugh F. E. Farrell, and Harry Webber for their continued interest in building up the library shown by frequent donations, and to the Salem Public Library and the Salem Fraternity for files of Salem newspapers. Also to Mr. John Robinson who has added forty pieces to the special collection on Oriental numismatics.

Through the kindness of one of our Directors, Mr. John Albree, the original manuscript diary of Zaccheus Collins of Lynn was repaired, interleaved and bound in blue mo-

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rocco, thereby preserving this interesting and valuable chronicle of life in Lynn and the surrounding towns from 1726 to 1769. The writer Zaccheus Collins made an entry every day for forty-four years and as his life was an active one he has left an excellent idea of the life of Essex County in his day, especially as he was exact in noting the names of all with whom he had to do. He carried on his large farm with the help of his sons, some apprentices from other towns, and slave labor. He did a large business in malt which he carried to Boston; he made steelyards, cow-bells, and ship hardware. He was a Selectman of Lynn for many years, drew the legal papers for his neighbors, acted as arbitrator in their disputes, and settled their estates after they died. He was an active Quaker, travelling frequently to attend the meetings as far as New Hampshire in the north, and going annually for forty years to the Rhode Island meetings. In his own home he was constantly entertaining travelling friends whose names and places of residence are always given. Through his carefulness in noting the routes he took in his travels he has preserved much in regard to communication in colonial times.

The fund available for the purchase of books has been used along the lines adopted by the Book Committee in former years in building up the special collections. The most important purchase of the year was twelve bundles of Marblehead Custom House papers, containing over 3,000 pieces in excellent condition, which were secured at a reasonable figure from a dealer in New York. The lot contained allowances on Marblehead schooners, certificates issued to American seamen with the signature of the collector of the port, fishing agreements signed by the members of the crew, protection papers, letters from various Treasury officials, and certificates of baptismal record copied from the Church record and signed by the minister of the church. These papers are a very desirable addition to our shipping papers and will be useful to the genealogist as well as the historian as these baptismal records supplement the town clerk's record already published.

Last summer for the three weeks following the disastrous fire of June twenty-fifth five members of the staff worked

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devotedly for the Relief Committee arranging and filing cards in the general index. During a part of the time the library was closed and later it was opened to members only.

In the late fall Mr. William Abbatt of New York who is compiling a bibliography of American magazines asked our assistance in checking on his cards such periodicals as were in this library and adding new cards for any periodicals not already having a card. About 16,000 cards were checked and, although the Essex Institute was the sixty-sixth library to do this, about 900 new cards were added.

The appropriation for binding has been used in binding current historical magazines and files of Salem and Essex County newspapers, and in repairing and rebinding worn volumes from the genealogy and local history. Eighty-one dollars from this fund has been spent for special scrap books in which to mount manuscripts.

In the cataloging department cards have been written for all current accessions to those classes of books already catalogued. The collection of maps and plans of Salem, Essex County, and Massachusetts has been catalogued, as well as all other maps previous to 1850. The amount of work accomplished in this department has been less than usual owing to the absence of the head cataloger, Miss Nichols, for the entire year but she will return to her duties here on the first of June.

The purchase of printed cards from the Library of Congress, and the American Library Association has been continued so far as practical and 9374 cards have been bought at a cost of $38.36.

The reading room has on file 32 newspapers of which all but three are published in Essex County. Forty-eight periodicals may be found on the tables in the reading room, and 110 historical and scientific periodicals received by exchange may be consulted in the library. The circulation of books among members has equalled that of last year although it is inevitable in a library of this kind that the home use of the books will be small. The attendance in the library has been about the same as usual but is far below what it should be. The use of the library is not restricted to members, and any one interested in historical research is welcomed.

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TREASURER'S REPORT TO MAY 1, 1915.

INCOME.

Balance from last Report				$52 59
Income General Fund		$5,309 32		
Less Taxes, Insurance and miscellaneous charges	$1,095 80			
Transfer to Investments.				
Temporary Funds (Insurance Fund)	400 00	1,495 80	$3,903 52	
Income Permanent Fund			4,471 28	
Income Temporary Funds			699 79	
Assessment of Members			1,365 00	10,439 59
Sales of Publications, etc				1,963 54
Income "Very House Memorial"	225 00			
Less Repairs and Expenses	137 74			87 26
Pickering Genealogy.				
Transfer from Temporary Funds			$112 70	
Received from Sales			22 50	135 20
Received by Loan				2,200 00
				$14,898 18

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries	$5,619 40	
Extra Labor	292 25	
Fuel	559 04	
Light and Water	78 09	
Postage and Express	329 61	
Supplies and Printing	419 88	
Furniture and Fixtures	135 48	
Library, Periodicals, etc	995 25	
China Library	44 32	
Repairs	508 88	
Publications	885 88	
Bentley Diary	1,055 90	
Binding	460 26	
Annual Meeting	51 87	
Lectures	338 27	
Museum Objects	227 68	
Natural History and Horticulture	34 07	$12,036 13
Court Records		73 35
Fireproof Addition (final payment)		2,511 02
Net Income "Very House Memorial" to May, 1915—used to reduce cost of repairs		87 26
Income Funded.		
Pickering Genealogy Fund	$2 70	
Rare Book Fund	44 16	
Witch Hill Monument Fund	04	
Mack Medical Library Fund	45 66	
China Library Room Fund	20 28	
John James Currier Fund	30	113 14
Balance of Cash—Secretary	7 88	
Treasurer	69 40	77 28
		$14,898 18

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM O. CHAPMAN,
Treasurer.

Salem, May 3, 1915.

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INVESTMENTS OF THE ESSEX INSTITUTE.

PERMANENT FUND.

This Fund contains bequests the income of which only is available for specific purposes.

	Book Value
5 Shares Webster & Atlas National Bank, .	$ 577 50
30 Shares National Shawmut Bank, . .	4,562 31
42 Shares American Telephone & Telegraph Co.,	5,699 85
1 Share Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Preferred, .	72 60
2 Shares Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Common, .	143 75
11 Shares Boston & Maine Railroad, Common,	2,045 67
33 Shares Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, Preferred, ...	3,943 50
17 Shares Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, Common, ...	1,621 64
17 Shares Chicago & Northwestern Railway, Preferred, ...	2,570 50
37 Shares Chicago & Northwestern Railway, Common, ...	4,354 26
20 Shares Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway,	1,715 00
25 Shares H. B. Claflin Co., First Preferred Stock,	2,450 00
10 Shares Devonshire Building Trust, . .	1,010 00
66 Shares Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston, ...	9,077 75
2 Shares Lowell Bleachery, ...	100 00
36 Shares Massachusetts Electric Co.'s, Preferred, } 15 Shares Massachusetts Electric Co.'s Common, }	3,202 90
60 Shares New York Central & Hudson River Railroad	6,760 20
28 Shares Pepperell Manufacturing Co., . .	4,540 00
60 Shares Union Pacific Railroad, Preferred,	3,597 88
12 Shares Union Pacific Railroad, Common,	783 87
10 Shares United Electric Securities Co., Preferred,	1,000 00
$2000 American Telephone & Telegraph Co. Coll. Trust, 4s, 1929, ...	1,980 00

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	Book Value
$1000 Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, Prior, Lien 3 1-2s, 1925, ...	952 50
$4000 Chicago Junction Rys. & Union Stock Yds. Co. Coll. gold, 5s, 1915, ...	4,000 00
$1000 Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. Convertible 4 1-2s, due June 1, 1932, . .	1,000 00
$2000 Kansas City Belt Railroad. First Mortgage 6s, 1916, ...	2,000 00
$5000 Northern Pacific Railway, Prior Lien gold 4s, 1997, ...	5,000 00
$4000 Schenectedy Railway Co. First Mortgage gold, 4 1-2s, 1941, ...	4,000 00
$1000 United Traction & Electric Co. of Providence & Pawtucket, 5s, 1933, ...	1,000 00
$1000 Western Electric Co. First Mortgage, 5s, Dec. 31, 1922, optional after 1911, . .	996 25
$2000 Western Telephone & Telegraph Co. Coll. Trust, 5s, 1932, ...	2,000 00
"Very House Memorial," 154 Federal St. City valuation (1905), house, $1,200; 11,375 ft. land, $2,000. (Net income used to reduce cost of repairs), ...	3,200 00
"Ship Rock," Peabody, and about 2 1-2 acres,	200 00
Cash (uninvested), ...	804 31
	$86,962 24

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GENERAL FUND.

This Fund is available, both principal and income, for any purpose.

	Book Value
25 Shares Asiatic National Bank, Salem (in liquidation, 160% paid),	0 00
2 shares First National Bank, Salem (in liquidation, 70% paid),	0 00
35 Shares Merchants National Bank, Salem,	2,297 25
10 Shares Naumkeag Trust Co., Salem,	1,350 00
48 Shares Boston Elevated Railway,	6,697 50
12 Shares Great Falls Manufacturing Co.,	1,932 00
20 Shares Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co.,	1,305 00
5 Shares New York, New Haven & Hartford R. R.,	1,073 75
99 Shares Pennsylvania Railway Co.,	6,186 25
2 Shares Proprietors of the South Buildings,	80 00
16 Shares Pullman Company,	2,629 00
1 1-2 Shares Salmon Falls Manufacturing Co.,	190 00
25 Shares United States Steel Corporation. Preferred,	1,840 00
118 Shares Union Stock Yards Company of Omaha,	11,563 00
$7000 Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad. General Mortgage, 4s, 1995,	6,734 30
$5000 Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. First Mortgage, gold, 4s, 1948,	5,000 00
$2000 Clinton (Iowa) Water Works Co. 5s, 1939,	2,000 00
$2000 Cumberland Telephone Co. First Mortgage, 5s, 1937,	2,000 00
$4000 Iowa Central Railroad. First Mortgage 5s, 1938,	4,000 00
$5000 Iowa Falls & Sioux City Railroad. First Mortgage 7s, 1917,	5,000 00
$3000 Long Island Railroad. Refunding 4s, 1949,	3,000 00
$10,000 Milwaukee, Sparta & No. Western R. R. First Mortgage, 4s, 1947	9,400 00
$2000 New England Cotton Yarn Co. First Mortgage, gold, 5s, 1929,	2,000 00
$5000 New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. 8th series, Debenture, 5s, 1919,	5,000 00

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	Book Value
$2000 Northern Pacific-Gt. Northern Railroad C., B. & Q. Coll. gold, 4s, 1921 (Registered),	2,000 00
$3000 Northern Pacific-Gt. Northern Railroad C., B. & Q. Coll. gold, 4s, 1921 (Coupon),	3,000 00
$1000 United Electric Securities Co., 23rd series, Coll. Trust, gold, 5s, 1936, . . .	1,000 00
$1,000 United Electric Securities Co., 30th series, Coll. Trust, gold, 5s, 1939, . . .	1,000 00
$6000 United Electric Securities Co., 32nd series, Coll. Trust, gold, 5s, 1940, . . .	6,000 00
$2000 United Electric Securities Co., 35th series, Coll. Trust, gold, 5s, 1940, . . .	2,000 00
$2000 Utah & Northern R. R. Consolidated gold, 5s, 1926, ...	1,998 61
Essex Institute Bldgs. and 40,786 ft. land, .	126,717 19
Cash (uninvested), ...	1,691 07
	$226,684 92

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TEMPORARY FUNDS.

			Book Value
Insurance Fund			
Salem Savings Bank,		$1,558 22	
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank,		873 85	
15 Shares United Fruit Co.,		1,948 43	
$1,000 Oregon Short Line, First Consolidated Mortgage gold 5s, 1946,		1,000 00	
			$5,380 50
Witch Hill Monument Fund			
Salem Savings Bank (interest added),			1 80
Donation for Manuscript Preservation			
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank,		$ 6 25	
$1,000 American Telephone & Telegraph Co. Coll. Trust gold, 4s, 1929,		993 75	
			1,000 00
China Library Room Fund			
Salem Savings Bank (interest added),			522 73
"Very House Memorial" Repairs Account			
Cost of repairs (1905)		1,753 08	
Less,			
Contribution, "a friend,"	$500 00		
Net income, 1906-15,	1,169 60		
		1,669 60	
			83 48
Vital Records Fund			
$3,000 United Electric Securities Co., 30th series, Coll. Trust gold, 5s, 1939,		$3,060 00	
$1,000 United Electric Securities Co., 35th series, Coll. Trust gold, 5s, 1942,		1,000 00	
			4,060 00

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	Book Value
MACK BEQUEST, BOOKS FOR MEDICAL LIBRARY, (ACCUMULATED INTEREST)	
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank,	$1,176 06
RARE BOOK FUND	
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank,	1,137 38
JOHN JAMES CURRIER FUND	
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank,	25 60
	$13,387 55

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

SALEM, MAY 1, 1915.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ESSEX INSTITUTE:

Your Finance Committee has examined the securities and accounts in the hands of the Treasurer, as provided for in the By-Laws. The books appear to be carefully kept and the expenditures properly vouched. The securities examined were according to the books submitted by the Treasurer. The annual report of the Treasurer has been examined by an auditor employed by the Committee and is hereby certified to be correct.

FRANCIS HENRY APPLETON,

For the Finance Committee.

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BEQUESTS AND GIFTS INVESTED AS THE "PERMANENT FUND."

Income only to be used for the purposes designated.

1848	Original Account, for "general purposes,"	$500 00
1848	Essex Historical Society Fund, for "historical purposes,"	700 00
1848	Essex County Natural History Fund, for "natural history or horticulture," .	700 00
1848	Life Membership Fund, for "general purposes,"	2,200 00
1870	Charles Davis bequest, for "general purposes,"	5,000 00
1878	Caroline R. Derby bequest, for care of Derby tomb and "general purposes," .	500 00
1882	Augustus Story bequest, for "purchase, preservation and publication of historical material, proceedings and memoirs,"	10,000 00
1882	Robert Peele and Elizabeth A. Peele bequests, for "general purposes," . .	2,120 00
1885	Martha G. Wheatland bequest, for "purchase of books for the library," . .	10,800 00
1889	James A. Emmerton bequest, to "support Historical Collections,"	10,000 00
1890	Nancy D. Cole bequest, "Ichabod Tucker Fund" for "Historical Department and the purchase of books and binding," .	5,000 00
1890	Nancy D. Cole bequest, "Thomas Cole Fund," for "purchase of books and apparatus for the microscopical department and for the library," . . .	5,000 00
1895	William Mack, M. D., bequest, for "purchase of rare and expensive works of merit in medicine and surgery," . .	1,892 79
1899	Salem Lyceum Fund, to "support free lectures,"	3,000 00

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1901	Harriet P. Fowler bequest, for "salary of an assistant librarian who shall have charge of the donations" made by Miss Fowler, ...	$3,000 00
1901	Elizabeth G. Ward bequest, for "purchase of books and pictures relating to China and the Chinese,"	9,000 00
1902	Lydia A. Very bequest, "Burial Lot," for care of Very family burial lot, . .	3,067 57
1902	Lydia A. Very bequest, "Very House Memorial," for a "memorial of my brothers, Jones Very and Washington Very," .	3,200 00
1909	Frederick Lamson bequest, for "purchase of objects for the museum illustrating early New England life and customs,"	1,000 00
——	Permanent Fund, Miscellaneous, for "general purposes,"	10,281 88
		$86,962 24

BEQUESTS AND GIFTS INVESTED AS THE "GENERAL FUND."

Both principal and income are available for any purpose.

1875	Abby W. Ditmore bequest, for "general purposes,"	$3,100 00
1876	Ladies' Fair donation, for "general purposes,"	1,142 86
1879	William B. Howes bequest, for "general purposes,"	25,000 00
1885	Esther C. Mack bequest, for "general purposes,"	4,000 00
1886	General Subscription, for repairs and improvement of Essex Institute Building,	14,370 69
1898	George Plummer Smith bequest, for "general purposes,"	4,770 00
1898	George L. Ames bequest, for "general purposes,"	96,785 28

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1900	Elizabeth Wheatland bequest, for "general literary and scientific uses," . . .	$3,698 16
1900	J. Henry Stickney bequest, for "general purposes,"	1,000 00
1900	Walter Scott Dickson bequest, for "general purposes,"	25,588 08
1901	Elizabeth C. Ward bequest, for "general purposes,"	6,973 22
1902	William J. Cheever bequest, "in memory of Charles G. Cheever," for "general purposes,"	20,000 00
1903	Susan S. Kimball bequest, for "general purposes,"	1,000 00
1905	An Anonymous Donor, for "general purposes,"	810 00
1909	General Charles L. Pierson donation, for "general purposes,"	100 00
1913	A. O. & M. E. Williams bequest, for "general purposes,"	500 00
——	General Fund, Miscellaneous, "for general purposes," . . , . .	17,846 63
		$226,684 92

BEQUESTS AND GIFTS INVESTED AS "TEMPORARY FUNDS."

Witch Hill Monument Fund, ...	$ 1 80
Manuscript Preservation Donation, ...	1,000 00
China Library Room Fund, ...	522 73
Vital Records Fund, ...	4,060 00
Rare Book Fund, ...	1,137 38
Insurance Fund, ...	5,380 50
Accumulated Income from William Mack, M. D., bequest.	1,176 06
Very House Memorial (repairs), ...	83 48
John James Currier Book Fund, ...	25 60
	$13,387 55

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NECROLOGY.

John F. Brooks of Boston, Mass., was elected a member Dec. 12, 1856, and died Dec. 10, 1914.

Arthur H. Brown of Salem, Mass., was elected a member July 19, 1886, and died Apr. 10, 1915.

Percy Chase of Brookline, Mass., was elected a member Aug. 3, 1908, and died Apr. 20, 1914.

Alexander B. Clark of Peabody, Mass., was elected a member Aug. 3, 1908, and died Oct. 9, 1912.

Dr. Hasket Derby of Mattapan, Mass., was elected a member Aug. 20, 1894, and died Aug. 21, 1914.

William Endicott of Boston, Mass., was elected a member Sept. 4, 1894, and died Nov. 7, 1914.

James A. Gillis of Winchendon, Mass., was elected a member Jan. 4, 1854, and died Oct. 8, 1914.

Abner C. Goodell of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Nov. 18, 1857, and died July 21, 1914.

John C. Gray of Boston, Mass., was elected a member Jan. 21, 1895, and died Feb. 25, 1915.

John S. Moulton of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Nov. 16, 1891, and died Apr. 26, 1914.

Mrs. Lyman P. Osborn of Peabody, Mass., was elected a member June 4, 1906, and died Feb. 11, 1914.

Charles W. Parker of Boston, Mass., was elected a member Mar. 17, 1896, and died Jan. 14, 1915.

Henry A. Pevear of Lynn, Mass., was elected a member Apr. 15, 1895, and died May 14, 1914.

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Charles H. Price of Phillips' Beach, Mass., was elected a member June 11, 1866, and died May 26, 1914.

Capt. J. Orne Rider of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Apr. 15, 1895, and died Nov. 10, 1914.

Judge Edgar J. Sherman of Windsor, Vt., was elected a member Nov. 5, 1894, and died June 9, 1914.

Paul N. Spofford of New York, N. Y., was elected a member Aug. 20, 1894, and died Sept. 6, 1913.

Miss Emma A. Tibbetts of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Apr. 1, 1895, and died Sept. 11, 1914.

Ross S. Turner of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Oct. 18, 1886, and died Feb. 12, 1915.

Nathaniel A. Very of Salem, Mass., was elected a member June 12, 1867, and died June 7, 1914.

George M. White of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Dec. 15, 1873, and died Mar. 23, 1915.

John S. Williams of Salem, Mass., was elected a member July 2, 1894, and died Nov. 20, 1914.

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DONATIONS AND EXCHANGES.

LIBRARY.

Donations or exchanges have been received from the following sources:

	Vol.	Pam.
Abbot Public Library, Marblehead,		1
Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, Pa.,		4
Aerial Age,		5
Albree, John,	1	
Albuquerque, New Mexico, University of New Mexico,		2
American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Boston,		10
American Academy of Political and Social Science, Philadelphia, Pa.,		4
American Antiquarian Society, Worcester,	8	5
American Association for International Conciliation, New York, N. Y.,		12
American Association of Museums,	3	
American Catholic Historical Society, Philadelphia, Pa.,		3
American Congregational Society, Boston,		1
American Educational Review,		1
American Geographical Society, New York, N. Y.,		12
American Historical Association, Program,	1	
American Institute of Electrical Engineers, New York, N. Y.,	2	
American Irish Historical Society, New York, N. Y.,	1	
American Iron & Steel Institute, New York, N. Y.,		13
American Jewish Committee, New York, N. Y.,		1
American Medical Association, Chicago, Ill.,		1
American Museum of Natural History, New York, N.Y.		11
American Naturalist,		13
American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, Pa.,		3
American Social Hygiene Association, New York, N. Y.,		4

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	Vol.	Pam.
American Society for the Judicial Settlement of International Disputes, Baltimore, Md.,		5
American Telephone & Telegraph Co.,		5
Americas, The,		7
Amherst College,	1	2
Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts,		1
Andover, Town of,		12
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Alley, Henry, Marblehead. Cannon ball dug up in Marblehead, near Clifton.

Almy, Sergt. C. B. St. Jean Baptiste Society medal.

American Type Foundry Co., Jersey City. Printing press made about 1800 by A. Ramage of Philadelphia.

Appleton, Gen. Francis Henry, Peabody. Framed photograph showing Senator Silsbee house, Washington Square, Salem, before 1850.

Averill, Mrs. Carrie P., Lynnfield. Shell basket table ornament.

Batchelder, Mrs. Henry, North Reading. Tin candle box, wood carrier, salt glaze bottles, shoe lasts, whale oil lantern, etc.

Batchelder, Henry M. 2 ambrotypes.

Becket, Miss Caroline A., Peabody. Glass cup plate.

Bigelow, Dr. W. S., Boston. Bellows for powdering wigs—English, about 1775.

Bixby, H. M. Co. Sample books of wall paper, 13 reproductions of old wall paper.

Brooks, Miss Ellen A., Newtonville. Cardboard dancing dolls (about 1865).

California Pioneers of New England. Flag of the Society, framed lithographs and photograph.

Carter, Miss Sadie A., Georgetown. First post office used in New Rowley (now Georgetown), established in 1824.

Cate, Frederick. Counterfeit coins.

Chapman, William O. Rounded stone used as a dowel in the old Mercantile Bank Building, now Salem Fraternity, weighing balance for testing light weight coins.

Clerk, George, Peabody. Glass "hand ball" for glazing leather, used in Edinburgh about 1824.

Cleveland, Mary S., Estate of. Desk brought from China about 1810 by Capt. William Cleveland; landscape—"Mill Pond"—painted by James A. Cleveland.

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Codman, Miss Martha C., Newport, R. I. Silk brocade dress, with quilted petticoat, worn by Mrs. Elias Hasket Derby, quilted centre piece of white cotton.

Coker, Mrs. F. A. 1711 souvenir postcards, doll, astral lamps, Battersea knobs, key of Smith house, Elm street, Salem, built before 1700, lace, edging, pewter match box, brown glaze bottle, cotton print (1840) for "old shop," basket made by donor, marbles, etc.

Creesy, George W. Portion of design that ornamented casket of President McKinley at Canton, Ohio.

Crehore, J. S., Danvers. Glass whale oil lamp in tin sconce.

Dayton, J. Hardy. Seraphine made by N. B. Jewett, Worcester.

Dow, Eugene M., Topsfield. H hinge having an offset.

Dow, George Francis. Pine shingles from the Capen House, Topsfield, about 1825.

Emilio, Capt. Luis F. 17 ancient keys from Paris, Brussels, and Quebec.

Endicott, William C., Danvers. Water color copies, by L. J. Bridgman, of defaced oil paintings of Essex street, Salem, about 1830.

Erskine, Everett M., Roxbury. Fiji tappa cloths, Chinese sword, iron anklets, etc.

Etheridge, John B. Roman mosaic—"The Pantheon," straw bonnets, green silk umbrella, glass bottles, ginger jar, brown glaze jugs, wax-flower parlor ornaments, framed lithographs, brown glaze beer pitcher, saddle bags, leather trunk, wooden bonnet block (1840), pewter measure, powder horn, candle mould, baskets, etc.

Everdean, Miss Alice G., Gloucester. Cooper's tools.

Fenno, Estate of Mrs. Grafton, Lynn. Framed photograph of Grafton Fenno, and Civil war certificates and photograph.

Ford, Mrs. C. T. 2 carved corbels (satyr's heads) from the shop of Israel Fellows of Salem.

Gray, Miss Katharine M. Pierced silver ladle (Baldwin, Salem, about 1810) used in the Branch or Howard Street Church, Salem, to remove flies from the communion wine, Sheffield plate covered dish used for the communion bread in the Branch Church.

Haskell, Mrs. Margaret M. Hand trunk, bandbox, brown glaze pitcher, Rockingham ware pudding pan.

Hitchcock, Mrs. A. W. Bundle handkerchief.

Hunt, Miss Sarah E. Piece of "patch" (1820-1830) from the Page house, Danvers.

Jenkins, Lawrence W. 23 pressed glass cup plates, Mass. militia insignia, glass salt cellar, ball puzzle, U. S. cruiser "Salem" on rolled out cent.

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Joslin, Miss A. L., Boston. Rogers' group—"Neighboring Pews."

Knowlton, Mrs. Benjamin, Rockport. Candlestick, snuffers, pot-hooks, etc.

Lakeman, Miss Abbie T., Peabody. Glass cup plate.

Lamson, Mrs. Hattie S., Topsfield. 10 unused hand-shaved pine shingles, before 1850.

Lawrence, Miss Grace, Forge Village. Hand-woven rose blankets, table covers, quilts, towels, a bundle handkerchief, etc., woven by Mrs. Abraham Prescott of Forge Village about 1820.

Lee, Mrs. Francis H. 540 United States coins, 858 foreign coins, 23 medals, 46 photographic negatives, framed engravings, game—"Mahomet and Saladin", camera obscura, Civil War relics, Sheffield stand, bandboxes, baskets, japanned plate warmer, oil portrait (unknown sea captain), 6 brocade, silk, and India muslin dresses worn about 1830-1840, lace, handkerchiefs, articles of costume, embroidered collars, doll, commission on vellum of Timothy Pickering as Postmaster General (1794), matrix of the seal of the Derby wharf corporation, hair jewelry, brass weights.

Lord, Misses Mary and Alice. "Patch" and "copperplate" quilt made in 1824.

Lovett, Miss Annie F., Beverly. Pasteboard boxes.

Mansfield, Perley Balch, Lynn. Engraved copperplate for printing advertising cards of Samuel Mansfield's hat manufactory, Salem.

Martin, Miss Caroline L. Melodeon made by James S. Parks, Boston.

McMullen, William P. Advertising card showing Madison's cottage, N. Y., in 1853.

Morse, Albert P., Wellesley. 3 hatchell teeth.

Nason, Benjamin F. Pewter total abstinence medal.

Nevins, Winfield S. 9 souvenir postcards, framed photograph of Charles Haddock, M. D., of Beverly.

Newcomb & Gauss. 26 electrotypes and engraved blocks.

Nichols, Miss Eliza. Whalebone and bone busks.

Norton, Miss Elizabeth G., Boston. Hand-woven cotton cloth made in 1811.

Olds, Fred A., Raleigh, N. C. 2 pieces North Carolina script (1863).

Osborn, Lyman P., Peabody. Lead soldiers, pontoon train, cannon, tents, etc. About 1870.

Osborne, Richard A., Boston. Rifle made by Benedict & Roby.

Paull, Miss Florence V., Boston. Piece of hand-woven blanket.

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Peabody Museum, Salem. Algonquin wampum, $100.00 Confederate bond, piece of gold brocade worn at coronation of George III, pasteboard and wooden boxes, electrical machine used by Oliver Hubbard, M. D., of Salem, about 1810-1820.

Perkins, Miss Mary B., Marblehead. 314 United States silver and copper coins, 93 foreign coins.

Perkins, Thomas, Danvers. 416 photographic negatives, 201 lantern slides, sampler made in 1786, engraved block of Perkins arms, 16 copper coins, Masonic insignia.

Perley, Sidney, Esq. Framed colored lithograph (1854) of Salem looking north on Lafayette street.

Price, Mrs. John, Manchester. Brown glass bottles.

Pulsifer, John C. Looking glass frame bought by John Goldthwait of Danvers in 1792.

Putnam, George G. Framed portrait of Perley Putnam of Salem, by Osgood.

Read, Miss Abby L., Cambridge. Cloth bought in 1850.

Reid, S. J. 8 broken bank bills.

Robinson, John. Postcards, 9 panoramic views of Salem fire ruins, U. S. cent (1814) from the Marblehead Bank (uncirculated), porcelain slate, military buttons, silver cup presented to Samuel Johnson (afterwards Salem physician) on Oct. 10, 1822; Staffordshire ware.

Rogers, Miss Annette P., Boston. Rogers group—"The Wounded Scout."

Ropes, Willis H. Rotary tool for marking shoes, carved ivory napkin ring, medals, wooden bowl turned in 1818, baskets, photographs, one dollar U. S. greenback, No. 16,815, issue of 1862, Canton plate with modified "Willow" pattern, 20 postcards.

Salem Fraternity. 436 souvenir postcards.

Saunders, Miss Mary T. Child's teaset (about 1855), Salem High School silver medal, 24 silver and copper coins, "save all", toys, bottles, etc.

Sawyer, Bertram H. Workbox of "scrim shaw" work, bottles, white glass mug (1830), wooden fruit basket.

Silsbee, Miss Elizabeth W. Dresses, slippers, lace, etc.

Smart, Mrs. Charles H., Peabody. Boy's sled, chemical lamp, Staffordshire ware, candy made by Pepper & Co. of Peabody before 1875, carvings in bone, drawing-in hook used by weavers, white cotton cloth (1870).

Smith, Mrs. J. Foster. Wax picture, watchman's rattle, policeman's "billy", kitchen implements, etc.

Smith, Mrs. Sarah P. Long wash-leather gloves antedating the Revolution, newspapers.

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Stickney, Walter J. 8 card photographs.

Sturgis, Benjamin F., M. D. 2 wooden soldiers (1870).

Sweet, Frank W., Boston. Franklin medals (Boston schools), 1833, copper plate engraved by Thomas Johnston for printing clock dials for Preserved Clapp of Boston.

Tarr, Harvey, Rockport. Cardboard bookmarks, jingle bell from old store.

Tarrent, William. Child's shoe.

Tappan, Miss Anna, Manchester. Pine board on which "Johnny cake" and "Indian bannock" were spread and baked before the open fire.

Towne, Lydia, Estate of. 220 souvenir postcards, photographs, framed portraits, etc.

Turner, Ross S. Staffordshire and lustre ware, Rockingham jar.

Wardwell, Mrs. Henry. 99 postcards of Mexico.

Warner, Miss Annie L. 12 souvenir postcards.

Waters, William C. Wooden box with cut straw decoration.

Willson, Misses. Hair trunk, pottery, bread trough, leather fire buckets (1810), "patch" and "copper plate," photographs, glass bottles, Staffordshire ware, toys, sealing wax, sand box, salt glazed jugs, olive jar, cannister containing black sand for blotting purposes, games, haversack carried by Rev. E. B. Willson during Civil War, straw bonnets, set of print window draperies (1820), fireboard with wall paper decoration.

Woods, Frank, New Bedford. Cooper's tool to hold barrel head.

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The Needs of the Essex Institute.

FINANCIAL NEEDS.

The cost of the new museum building having been taken from the general funds of the Institute it now will become necessary to replenish the same in order to properly continue the work of the Society. Any contributions will be gratefully received and duly acknowledged. Increased membership would supply additional income. Why not invite your friends to become members?

NEEDS OF THE PICTURE GALLERY.

During the ninety-four years of its corporate existence the Essex Institute has received by gift over one hundred and twenty-five paintings in oil (the larger number being portraits), together with miniatures, engravings, pottery and porcelain, laces and embroidery, and other art objects. The new picture gallery will make possible the proper exhibition of these collections and also permit the installation, from time to time, of loan exhibits, whereby private collectors of paintings and art objects may be able to exert an artistic influence and confer a pleasure not only upon those living in and about Salem, but upon the larger circle attracted to this city by its museums, and its historical and literary associations. The Essex Institute invites the co-operation of all those who may be able to assist in this needed and much desired work.

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NEEDS OF THE MUSEUM.

The attention of all persons interested in the preservation and exhibition of historical objects is called to the facilities offered by the new museum hall. All objects which show in any way the home life of the past will be gratefully received and carefully preserved and exhibited. Almost every house has something relating to the past and it is by bringing these separate objects together that large collections are formed and the history of the "by-gone day" is the more fully illustrated. Every article received will be marked with the name of the donor and, when desirable, with a short description of its use or association, thus preserving for all time the object and its history, both of which otherwise might be lost forever. The scope of the museum and the nature of the material desired is especially called to the attention of those intending to remove from one house to another and to those having the settlement of estates, for many interesting objects are destroyed at such times which, if preserved in the museum of the Essex Institute, would help to make the collection what it is most desired to be—a complete record of the life of our forefathers.

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ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

To the Members of the Essex Institute:

I regret that I cannot be present this evening to close my official connection with the Institute, in person, and to welcome my successor to the Presidency. The gentleman whom your Nominating Committee presents to you has shown such great interest in all our work that we can all feel much satisfaction that he has allowed his name to be used.

Since the year 1904 it has been my privilege to be associated with your Board of Directors, as your President, and upon electing not to be considered again for the office of President, I want to express to you the most agreeable experiences that I have had while endeavoring to fulfil the duties of that office.

Certainly much has been accomplished for the improvement of your property here since 1904; and to the careful, business-like, and harmonious manner that your Directors have guided your affairs, is due the present excellent condition of this Essex Institute today.

During the past twelve years much has been accomplished. The Athenaeum building was bought and has been improved; the Library building has been improved; these two buildings have been connected by the useful, handsome and dignified entrance hall, from whose halfway landing a view of our attractive garden-grounds is secured; and through this hall is also had entrance to these grounds.

The County authorities enabled us to possess the interesting Ward house, which was moved, improved and equipped; the cupola from the Brookhouse residence was secured, and is being renovated; notable front doors and porches from Salem houses have been secured and

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well placed in the grounds; and among the other improvements that are more or less well known, that which stands out as of primary importance, is our better protection against fire.

The fire-proof building (so-called) leads in value under this heading; and the isolated heating-plant, which replaced the too dangerous furnace, and the cutting off of the gas at the outer wall (except when a single pipe is needed for cooking at our social entertainments), cannot be too highly commended; and inflammable ornamentation has been removed from the roof.

Undoubtedly many other improvements will become possible and be carried out as the future becomes the present; and may the value of this important Institute be well realized by those who can, and would, help in promoting such good work.

May the Institute ever prosper and develop in its great usefulness.

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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

The active membership of the Essex Institute on May 1, 1899, was 834. At the present time it is but 509. About twenty years ago, when the number was under 400, several earnest members built up the membership to its maximum; but without the sustaining influence of their continued efforts it has gradually fallen back toward its old level. Meanwhile the population of the municipality and of the county has largely increased and the privileges accruing to membership also have been enlarged. The Institute in many respects is a unique institution. Aside from possessing the largest library east of Boston and a museum and picture gallery whose like cannot be found in America, it also offers to its members social privileges which it would seem are little understood or appreciated by a large part of its membership, certainly not by hundreds of citizens of this community who gladly would make use of them if only the facts were brought to their attention How many of our friends realize that membership in the Institute offers many of the privileges of the proprietary library? That books from its library, together with a long list of current magazines and periodicals, may be borrowed for home use. That its reading room on the first floor, formerly the fine double parlors of the Daland Mansion, in many respects is the finest reading room in the city. Here easy chairs in a cosy corner invite the spending of a quiet hour over the latest magazine or the daily newspaper, a privilege esteemed in every social club. That in this reading room are held during the winter season "Home Meetings" for members and their friends, at which papers on a great variety of topics are read or illustrated lectures are given, to be followed by a social hour at which refreshments are served. That seats at

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our public lectures are reserved for members, and last, but certainly not least, that it has long been considered a mark of social or literary distinction for a citizen of Essex County to be affiliated with this institution, not only for the reputation such membership confers within and without its borders, but also for the post mortem glory attained in the obituary notices of the daily press. Is it realized that members may transfer all of their privileges (save the last) to visiting friends? Where in the city is there a better place at which to meet a friend on appointment or for social chat? And now, as membership in the Essex Institute possesses such advantages, why will you not shortly propose the name of some neighbor or interested friend so that the resources here lying somewhat latent may be more widely used and appreciated? Why not "do it now", and with the annual returns from an increased membership a wider range of activities naturally will follow. Supposing that three hundred new members were elected during the coming year, the fees would amount to nine hundred dollars or the income from $20,000. Each member has recently received a blank form on which to propose a name for membership and also an illustrated leaflet to hand to an acquaintance. If for the moment we all throw aside our New England reserve and with loyalty to the Institute and spontaneity of spirit invite the first friend we meet to join in membership, there would follow a revival that would transform the atmosphere of these buildings.

The membership of the Essex Institute on April 30, 1916, was 570 in number, consisting of 509 active members, 20 life members, and 41 on the corresponding list. This is a gain of six active members over the previous year. During the past year 31 active members have been elected and accepted membership, while 7 have withdrawn, and 18 have died. Among the latter were George H. Shattuck, a member of the Council since 1903, and Prof. Frederick W. Putnam, elected in 1855 and the oldest member of the Institute in term of service. Professor Putnam's connection with the Essex Institute was re-

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markable, not only for its long duration, but for the early age at which he affiliated himself, as an earnest student of the natural sciences and a worker in the cabinets of our Museum. He was elected a member when but sixteen years of age, and two weeks after his election he made his first contribution to our Proceedings,—the beginning of a catalog of the fishes of Essex County. But more than a year previous, when barely fifteen years old, he aided in rearranging our collection of birds, at the same time beginning work upon his catalog of the birds of Essex County, which was afterwards published in the Proceedings, in which he listed 245 species of native and accidental visitors. Since that date the list has been increased to 390 species and sub-species. In November, 1855, he became Keeper of the Cabinets in the Museum, and in 1866 its Superintendent. After his removal to Cambridge he was elected a Vice-President of the Institute, which office he retained until 1894. An indefatigable worker, his youthful loyalty to this institution remained to the last, and with pride he ever recalled his early association.

The attendance in the Museum has been over five per cent less than last year and twenty-one per cent less than that of 1914. The largest attendance on any one day was on Sunday, Feb. 27, 1916, when 619 persons passed through our picture gallery between two and five o'clock. It is a curious fact that the attendance on Sundays has increased and the decrease in attendance occurs on week days. A similar condition existing at the Peabody Museum in this city has led Mr. Lawrence W. Jenkins to compile a comparative table of attendance in eight museums in various parts of the country, from which it appears that there has been a uniform decline in totals during the past two or three years. Through the courtesy of Mr. Jenkins, this table is here printed.

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	Peabody Museum, Salem.	Essex Institute, Salem.	Mus. Fine Arts, Boston.	Met. Mus. New York.	Am. Mus. New York.	Penn. Mus. Phila.	U.S. Nat. Mus. Wash.	U.S. Nat. Mus. New Mus. Wash.
1901	42,228	16,621	235,208	593,946	461,026	Closed 4 mos.	216,556	
1902	45,169	14,624	257,063	663,197	460,000	*457,617	173,888	
1903	48,169	13,789	295,416	802,900	388,090	409,726	*315,307	
1904	44,140	16,141	248,235	724,058	402,449	384 321	220,778	
1905	58,335	14,082	249,239	744,042	565,489	394,173	235,921	
1906	55,507	12,326	248,644	761,476	476,133	371,253	210,886	
1907	64,600	10,209	259,566	800,763	537,894	344,470	210,107	
1908	57,818	Closed May-Sept '07	236,874	817,809	*945,430	353,384	299,659	
1909	67,096	14,774	Closed May-Nov	*937,883	747.134	297,045	245,187	
1910	64,663	16,479	*†279,820	744,449	528,997	261,416	228,804	50,403
1911	*68,102	24,694	224,067	702,801	626,046	297,331	207,010	151,112
1912	66,066	26,425	220,043	690,183	715,852	303,500	172,182	281,887
1913	†66,094	†*30,635	219,750	839,419	728,288	319,789	†173,858	319,806
1914	60,565	29,689	205,109	†913,230	657,458	†337,913	146,533	*329,381
1915	59,092	24,777	‡267,211	706,690	†794,139	314,519	133,202	321,712

*Year of largest attendance.
†Year of last high attendance.
‡Increase due to opening new building.

Here and there a considerable increase may be noted which is accounted for by some unusual cause, like the opening of a new building, or some striking special exhibition, such as the Morgan collections, the tuberculosis exhibit, or the Hudson-Fulton celebration. But why this seeming decline in museum interest and to what cause may it be attributed? To a greater superficiality of life and education or to the seductive distractions of the moving pictures and the automobile? Who shall say? It is a fact, however, that the week day attendance in our Museum twenty years ago was larger than it is today in our greatly enlarged and enriched quarters. Then, Salem was visited as a monument, a shrine—something to be studied. Now, the visitor lightly pauses,

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here and there, butterfly-like, or is whirled through the streets in an automobile, while on the running board a small boy "guide" delivers an extraordinary distortion of fact plentifully soused with fiction.

Attendance	Week-days	Sundays	Holidays
May, 1915	608	807	214
June	958	519	128
July	1525	378	171
Aug.	2147	684	——
Sept.	1062	551	144
Oct.	774	1107	197
Nov.	456	1017	167
Dec.	466	949	107
Jan., 1916	341	1332	——
Feb.	322	1445	287
Mar.	510	1796	——
Apr.	587	1469	209

Week days	9751
Sundays	12054
Holidays	1624
Total	23429

Thirty-three schools have visited the Museum and numerous short talks have been given to classes.

The public lectures, as usual, have been given in Academy Hall, the Trustees of the Peabody Museum co-operating with the Institute. Eight lectures were given in the Free Course, six of which were illustrated. Seven evenings were occupied by the Home Course, at which refreshments were served. Two of these lectures also were illustrated. The attendance at the lectures of the Free Course, like the attendance in the Museum, has not been quite as large as usual. At no time has it been necessary to refuse admission for lack of seating capacity, and several most interesting and beautifully illustrated lectures have been given with numerous unoccupied seats in the hall, while at a very low breath we must confess that the Home Course has been much neglected. Shall

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moving pictures be inaugurated in our courses, or is it that we of today refuse to be lectured as in the past? Well may we ask the question—Would Wendell Phillips, Ralph Waldo Emerson or Daniel Webster, incarnated, draw large audiences as of old?

The Free Course was as follows:—

Dec. 20, 1915. Robert B. Osgood, M. D., of Boston—"Impressions of France and the French Soldiers."

Dec. 27, 1915. Prof. U. Hattori of the Imperial University, Tokio—"The Idea of Heaven in Confucianism."

Jan. 10, 1916. Mr. George G. Wolkins of Boston—"The Story of Bunker Hill."

Jan. 24, 1916. Dr. Roland B. Dixon of the Peabody Museum, Cambridge—"Twelve hundred miles through the Himalayas."

Feb. 7, 1916. Mr. MacGregor Jenkins of The Atlantic Monthly—"The Making of a Magazine."

Feb. 21, 1916—Prof. Wm. Lyman Underwood of Boston—"The Adventures of a Sagebrush Tourist in Wyoming."

Mar. 6, 1916. Mr. Herbert K. Job of West Haven, Conn.—"Attracting and Propagating Wild Birds."

Mar. 20, 1916. Mr. Charles Wellington Furlong of Boston—"Venezuela, the land of the Orinoco, with a glance at Trinidad."

The Home Course was as follows:—

Jan. 3, 1916. Mr. Laroy B. Philbrick of Salem—"A Trip to California."

Jan. 17, 1916. Mr. Edmund W. Longley of Salem—"Salem's Salvage from the Fire and its Effect on the Future."

Jan. 31, 1916. Mr. William Armstrong of Peabody—"Leather."

Feb. 14, 1916. Mrs. George W. Towne of Danvers—"Old Time Lore."

Feb. 28, 1916. Mr. John Kirchmayer of Cambridge—"The relative position and value of hand and machine wood carving and the progress of this art in America."

Mar. 13, 1916. John H. Sheedy, Esq., of Salem—"The Post Office from the Inside."

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Mar. 27, 1916. Mr. Ezra D. Hines of Danvers—"A Landmark in Danvers."

The small lecture hall has been frequently used by the Travel Class of the Salem Woman's Club, the Salem Hospital Alumnae Association, and classes from the public schools. The stereopticon lantern at Academy Hall has again been loaned to the city for use in its work in the evening schools, and the Reading Room has also been used for the rehearsals of the Salem Oratorio Society and for meetings of the Chase Family Association and the Old Planters Society.

The publications of the year include the current volume of the Historical Collections and the Annual Report. The fourth volume of the "Records and Files of the Quarterly Courts of Essex County" has been completed and the fifth volume is more than one-half in type. The first volume of the "Probate Records of Essex County' also is more than one-half in type. Next month we shall go to press with the first volume of the "Vital Records of Salem"—containing one-half of the births. Work on Salem records began over ten years ago and has been continued intermittently ever since. Not only will the printed volumes contain the births, marriages and deaths recorded in the town records, but also the church records, the cemetery inscriptions, the death notices in the newspapers, and the results of a house-to-house canvass for Bible records, which unfortunately should have been undertaken before the great fire of June, 1914. It is a remarkable commentary on the incompleteness of the public records of Salem, when it appears that nearly all of these private records are found to be unrecorded in the volumes preserved at the city hall. The vital records of Salem to 1850, however, when all in type, will probably occupy upwards of 3500 printed pages.

The Historical Collections of the Institute deserve a higher appreciation by the members, at least so far as the subscription list is concerned. In each issue will be found one or more articles of a popular or more readable character, while Mr. Sidney Perley's contributions on "Salem Lands and Houses in 1700", illustrated

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by maps and pictures of old dwellings, are of the greatest value and interest. Doctor Gardner is continuing the genealogies of Essex County families in alphabetical order, and other valuable genealogies are being printed. In forthcoming issues will appear carefully written descriptive accounts, fully illustrated, of the Eastern Railroad, the Salem fire of June, 1914, and the Salem origin and first public demonstration of the telephone.

The gifts to the Museum include large additions to the Francis H. Lee Collection. An alcove has been entirely devoted to this collection and furnished with pieces of family furniture—a fine bookcase and escritoire filled with china, a tall clock made by David Wood of Newburyport, various old oil portraits and good mirrors. Adjoining the alcove is a case containing family costumes on figures, and in six swinging frames are displayed the laces, fans, and family relics. Among the items included in the gift may be noted an oil portrait of Francis Cabot of Salem, who died in Natchez, Miss., in 1832, a silver porringer made by Edward Winslow about 1725, 30 snuff boxes, including a fine mother of pearl box formerly owned by Capt. Joseph Orne, who commanded the ship "Essex" and was murdered by Arabs at Mocha in 1806, 6 miniatures, 24 fans, including an English fan of about 1810, with a decoration of painted music, and also an unmounted fan of French origin printed on vellum. There is a silver spoon made by John Edwards about 1715, and spoons made about 1780 by Richard Lang and Edward Lang, both of Salem. There is a representative collection of fob seals, eight funeral rings, the oldest dated 1756, a number of ornamental boxes, shell combs, early valentines, a collection of Confederate and broken bank paper money, and 957 souvenir postal cards.

Charles H. Weston of London, England, has presented a silver patch box made by Jeffry Lang of Salem about 1750 and formerly owned by Christian Crowninshield; also seven other pieces of silver.

The Congregational Church at Wenham has deposited a communion set consisting of two flagons made in 1847 and six goblets made in 1820.

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From Miss Martha C. Codman of Washington, D. C., came one of the carved wooden cod fishes that formerly decorated the front staircase in the Benjamin Pickman house, Essex street, Salem, built in 1743; also a framed coat of arms of the Pickman family painted by Samuel Blythe.

From Miss Margaret Haskell, an oil portrait of Miss Mary Derby of Salem, painted in Kentucky about 1840.

From the Misses Willson, Staffordshire and other pottery, basketry and articles of costume.

From Thomas F. Davidson of Salem, two sketch books of the late Lydia L. A. Very containing pencil sketches of several old Salem buildings.

From Arthur W. West, two silver watches and a collection of photographic negatives of old houses.

From Edwin N. Peabody, 161 negatives of old houses and furniture.

Col. John E. Spencer and Major Lawrence W. Jenkins have presented the cupola from the Derby-Brookhouse Mansion which was removed when the new Masonic Temple was erected. A good friend of the Institute met the cost of removal to our grounds, and as the Brookhouse heirs retained the McIntire eagle which crowned the cupola, Mrs. E. K. Lathrop of Gloucester replaced it with the carved eagle formerly on a building in the rear of the Col. Francis Peabody residence.

Major Jenkins and Mr. Willis H. Ropes have made frequent gifts of pottery, glass and other objects.

During the summer the "Doctor Grimshawe" house on Charter Street was extensively remodeled, and as the porch was to be replaced the original was secured by purchase and removed to our out-of-door museum in the garden. Eleven contributors made this possible. It will be recalled that Hawthorne frequently visited this house during the days of his courtship of his future wife, Sophia Amelia Peabody, and in "Dr. Grimshawe's Secret" he describes this "small enclosed porch, containing the main entrance, affording a glimpse up and down the street through an oval window on either side."

Mr. Lawrence Park of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts and Mr. Frank W. Bayley of the Copley Gallery

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have visited Salem several times and carefully inspected the portraits in our picture gallery, painted by unknown artists, with the result that there is no doubt but that the miniatures of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sparhawk, painted in London in 1780, and the exquisite miniature of Capt. Joseph Orne were done by Copley; that the portrait of Rev. Andrew Le Mercier of Boston was painted by Greenwood; and that the portrait of Thomas Cushing, long supposed to represent the Revolutionary patriot and Lieut.-Governor of the State and so figured in the Memorial History of Boston, was undoubtedly painted by Joseph Badger, who died in 1765, and therefore the portrait must be that of the father, Thomas Cushing, an eminent merchant of Boston, who died in 1746, and who was Speaker of the House of Representatives for four years preceding his death.

Early in January the Library and Publication Committee met and voted that "the Secretary be requested to prepare and publish a new edition of the Visitor's Guide to Salem," a matter of business easily transacted by the Committee, but requiring a deal of work on the part of the Secretary. The new edition, now nearly ready for the press, will be materially rearranged and will contain a much larger number of illustrations.

The valuable collection of photographic negatives in the fire-proof, comprising houses, street views, portraits, ship pictures, furniture and costumes, and numbering 2214 items, has been arranged, listed and card cataloged with cross references. The objects in the Civil War and Revolutionary alcove in the Museum have been rearranged and relabelled, and the Francis H. Lee Collection has been arranged and partly labelled. 635 labels have been lettered for the Museum, the correspondence and routine work of the office has been attended to, and so the year has passed.

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REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

The additions to the Library during the past year have been as follows:—

	Volumes	Pamphlets	Serials
By donation and exchange,	1899	3953	5378
By purchase,	97	62	831
By subscription,			602

Total of accessions, 1,996 volumes, and 10,826 pamphlets and serials.

Among the many gifts to the Library should be mentioned a collection of two hundred and fifty volumes of caricatures, together with histories of the art and lives of famous caricature artists, presented by Mr. George Francis Dow. It is a well rounded collection, including nearly everything that has been printed on the subject in the English language and numerous volumes published in France and Germany. Among the former may be found the elephant folio editions of the Gilray and Hogarth plates. The original colored engravings issued separately number about two hundred, and well illustrate the work of Rowlandson, Cruikshank, Bunby, and other caricaturists of their period. The uncolored engravings and lithographs also number about two hundred, and include a representative collection of the Jacksonian period and the Currier & Ives lithographs issued during the Civil War and later. The work of Thomas Nast is shown by an almost complete set of engravings taken from Harper's Weekly. There are various periodicals, including Vanity Fair, Jugend, and a set of Punch covering fifty years.

This collection of caricature has been provided with a special book plate having as a central figure the famous Gerrymander which had its origin in the following manner:

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In 1812, when Elbridge Gerry was Governor of Massachusetts, the Democrats, seeking to retain their supremacy in the State, remapped the Senatorial districts, and in Essex County the arrangement was most absurd. The map of the County showing this division was published in various newspapers and periodicals, and it is said that Gilbert Stuart, the painter, seeing this map hanging upon the wall in the editorial office of Benjamin Russell, added with his pencil, wings and claws, remarking that it would do for a salamander. Russell, who was busy at his desk, looked up and said, "Salamander! Call it Gerrymander!"

Mrs. Francis H. Lee has made frequent donations during the year, including a fine collection of scores of oratorios, masses, church music, cantatas, operas, songs, piano music, and lives of composers. The oratorio scores contain the programs of various performances by the Salem Oratorio Society, together with a list of the first forty-seven concerts of that society, with the names of the soloists.

A bequest was received from Mrs. Anna G. Peabody of one hundred and sixty-eight volumes of history, description and travel, magazines, etc. Dr. DeWitt S. Clark presented the London Contemporary Review covering the years 1872 to 1911.

An unusual addition to the stamp collection is that of one hundred sheets containing stamped envelopes, postal cards, book post wrappers, official envelopes, etc., and an interesting lot of correspondence relating to a lost package which was mailed in Yokohama, misdirected to Essex Institute, Boston, Mass., and which travelled across the Pacific ocean three times before reaching its destination in Salem.

Thanks are due as in former years to Messrs. Lawrence W. Jenkins, Willis H. Ropes, Sidney Perley, Edward S. Morse, and the Misses Brooks, for their continued interest, as shown by frequent donations; to Messrs. Hugh F. E. Farrell and Harry E. Webber for many additions to the local collection of programs and circulars; and to the Salem Public Library and the Salem Fraternity for files of Salem newspapers.

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Effort has been continued to increase the special Essex County collection, and it has already outgrown the three rooms assigned to it, so that it has become necessary to remove the cases of drawers which were in the north-western room to permit the building of additional shelving, increasing the space by 288 running feet. A particular effort has been made to secure, through the co-operation of the Librarians of the various towns in the county, the local material such as reports, programs, circulars, and other ephemeral printed matter. An interesting Salem item purchased was a copy of Felt's Annals in parts as issued with annotations by William Gibbs.

It is hardly necessary to repeat that the library particularly invites donations of Essex County and Salem material, imprints of all kinds, reports, programs, circulars, etc. Salem directories are especially welcome for exchange with other libraries, and members will confer a favor by sending the old Salem directory to this Library each time a new one is received, or upon notification the Institute will be glad to send for such donations.

The most notable addition to the manuscript collections for many years is the large accumulation of genealogical material gathered together in England by the late Henry Fitz-Gilbert Waters and Lothrop Withington, and purchased at auction sale in London by the Essex Institute. To make these papers available for consultation they will be carefully arranged and many of them bound together, and the Institute is very much indebted to Mr. Henry W. Belknap, who has taken charge of this work. This accession will be described at length in the report to be made by the Curator of Manuscripts, and the growing importance of the manuscript collections will be shown.

Other manuscripts have been received as follows :—

From Senator George Peabody Wetmore, of Newport, R. I., about six hundred ship papers of great value, including papers of the "Grand Turk," the "Astrea," the ketch "John," and the brigantine "Nancy," all owned by Elias Hasket Derby. The merchants of Salem were among the first to explore new channels of trade, and they entered boldly into competition with the powerful East India

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Company. The "Grand Turk," one of the most famous ships ever owned in Salem, cleared for China in November, 1785, and returned in June, 1787, with a cargo of teas, silks and nankeens, completing the first voyage from New England to the Isle of France, India and China. At the Peabody Museum there is a punch bowl brought from Canton commemorative of the voyage. On the side and in the centre of this bowl are pictures of the ship, with the inscription "Ship Grand Turk at Canton, 1786." The ship "Astrea" arrived from Canton in 1790 with a cargo of tea, paying over $27,000 as duties. The "Astrea" made some of the early voyages to India, and in 1793 was seized by the Sultan of Pegu for use as a transport for stores for his troops in Siam. Captain Gibaut and his mate were held as hostages.

From Mrs. Ethel (Roosevelt), wife of Dr. Richard Derby of New York, a collection of Derby family letters, including letters from Mrs. Jacob Crowninshield to her Aunt Derby, giving an intimate picture of her home life beginning with her wedding; letters from the Princes in St. John to John Derby of Salem. Mrs. Prince was the daughter of Richard Derby and a sister of Elias Hasket Derby and John Derby. She and her husband went to the British provinces as refugees during the Revolution and remained there until 1802, when their son, who had married a daughter of E. H. Derby and risen to affluence, invited his parents to return.

From Mr. Stephen W. Foster of Dorchester, papers relating to the California pioneers; from Mr. Winfield S. Nevins, the original manuscript of his book on witchcraft; from Miss Mary Cleaveland, forty-five manuscript sermons of Rev. John Cleaveland of Chebacco; from Mrs. Walter Leslie Harris, an epitome of the probate records of Essex County from 1815 to 1840; from the estate of Mrs. Anna M. Pickford, Ames' Astronomical Almanac for 1761 to 1763, containing the diary of Rev. Samuel Chandler of Gloucester. It is interesting to note that the Institute already possessed the interleaved almanacs containing Mr. Chandler's diary for the years 1746 and 1749 to 1758 inclusive, and a typewritten copy cov-

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ering the years 1769 to 1772; from Miss Martha C. Codman of Washington, D. C., Pickman ledgers and account books, Benjamin Pickman and Richard S. Rogers correspondence, and a collection of autograph letters, including letters of Lafayette, John Quincy Adams, etc.

From William C. Waters, jr., family correspondence and legal papers of Judge Joseph G. Waters, account books of Joseph Linton Waters, bills of Capt. Thomas Deane from 1735 to 1775, etc.

The following manuscripts have been placed on deposit: the records of the Marblehead Marine Insurance Company, the proprietors' records of the Essex Merrimack Bridge, and records of other insurance companies.

The Essex County newspaper collection has been largely increased during the year. An opportunity to purchase large additions to the files of the Newburyport Herald resulted in securing twenty-five entire years and parts of twenty-five other years needed in our set. This paper was published from 1798 to 1915, and the Institute has a good working set with very few gaps, and redoubled efforts will be made to complete the set as soon as possible. Another Newburyport newspaper, the Essex Journal and New Hampshire Packet for 1786-7 has been placed in the library on deposit, also nine numbers of Green and Russell's Boston Post-Boy and Advertiser, ranging in date from 1759 to 1765. Large additions have been made to the file of the Essex County Mercury, and the Ipswich Register for 1838-1840 was secured at an auction sale. The latter paper was the first one published in Ipswich and is very difficult to obtain. By exchange with the Library of Congress, forty-five issues of various Boston newspapers from 1763 to 1780 were received.

An interesting discovery has been made concerning the Salem Gazette and Newbury and Marblehead Advertiser, which was published in Salem by Ezekiel Russell in 1774-5 for a few months. It has always been supposed that the last issue was that of April 14, 1775, but Mr. Brigham of the American Antiquarian Society, in compiling his recently published check list of American newspapers before 1820, has discovered that a copy of the issue for April 21, 1775, is in the possession of the Brit-

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ish Museum. It seems strange that a copy of this issue should be preserved in the mother country and none saved in the colonies. It will be desirable to secure a photostat copy of this issue for binding with our set, so that a complete file may be available in Salem, the place of publication.

An important acquisition by purchase is a set of photostat copies of the Boston News-letter, made by the Massachusetts Historical Society for a few subscribers from the originals in the possession of the American Antiquarian Society, the Massachusetts Historical Society, and other libraries. Of some issues only one copy is known, and as it would be necessary to visit many different libraries to consult all the issues, the desirability of having an entire file in one library is apparent. At the present time copies of all known issues from the first of April 24, 1704, to December 27, 1714, have been received, and when completed this will fill the early period of Boston newspapers before any files in the Institute collection.

The classification and cataloging has progressed normally, all current additions to classes already cataloged being completed to date. One of the catalogers, Miss Mabel W. Farris, who had done most excellent work in the library for five years, has resigned to take charge of the South Branch of the Salem Public Library. It is a pleasure to express my appreciation of the cordial and hearty co-operation of the members of the staff.

During the summer months the United States government documents were re-arranged, and the departmental reports were classified and numbered according to the scheme used in the Library of Congress.

In closing, a paragraph from one of the reports of the Librarian of Congress is so appropriate that it is here quoted: "The Library can indeed hope to attract gifts only by three means: First, by a building which will house them safely and commodiously. Second, by administration which will safeguard them and render them useful. Third, by considerable expenditures of its own in the acquisition of material which will bring the material given into honorable company and will attract notice to it by increasing the reputation of the general collection."

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REPORT OF CURATOR OF MANUSCRIPTS.

It was eleven years ago (May, 1905) that the late William P. Upham, then Curator of Manuscripts, submitted a full report as to the treasures in that department of the Institute, and since then the number has greatly increased, and the room and facilities for their accommodation are now suitable. The Secretary recently made a count of the manuscripts and found over 2600 bound volumes, and in addition 1250 log books and a large mass of unmounted and unbound material besides.

The figures I have just read have probably made no impression on your minds, and as they are rather essential to an understanding of this report, let me call attention to them. As to the bound volumes of manuscripts, 2600 of them, suppose a searcher were to examine them at a rate of fifty volumes a week, a large average by the way, it would require an entire year for the undertaking. And at the same rate of examination, six months would be consumed in going over the unparalleled collection of 1250 log books. From its size alone the manuscript collection of the Essex Institute must be called large.

Suppose for present purposes we define the word, manuscript, as a paper inscribed more or less formally with a personal message or with a record, the result of a combination of circumstances. For instance, a paper upon which today was hastily made a memorandum for temporary purposes, or a letter written in the routine of the day's work, may each at some time in the future become a manuscript of value, just as have thousands of similar papers, now in the fireproof vault, which reproduce the life of the past with startling exactness.

The reasons for these manuscripts being gathered together are many and diverse. Between the generous

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impulses of those who are glad to share with others the enjoyment of their treasures, and the unimaginative attitude of such as see in old manuscripts only waste paper saleable at so much per pound, may be discerned a wide range of motives. Yet whatever the motive, the accumulations are now in the possession of the Institute, and the romance—and the tragedy as well—of their coming would supply the material for many a story.

One instance will suffice. In 1915 a volume of letters elegantly bound was received from an elderly gentleman in Canada, who wrote: "As I have no children, I thought these memorials had better be kept by the Institute, as the letters relate largely to Salem." The result of his thoughtfulness is that we now have some delightful records of Salem life and people. On the other hand, there are many items that actually were taken from the junk pile.

It may give some conception of how varied and interesting is the character of the contents of the fireproof, if some brief notes are submitted showing what was found during a few hours spent among the shelves.

A spirited sketch of the boat "Nancy" is seen on one side of a small piece of paper, while on the other is a bill for hauling twenty-four loads of gravel for the "Road through South Salem" in 1808.

As geographical boundaries count for little in the fireproof, here is a California item: A long, beautifully written list of parties who paid duties to the military authorities in California between the time of the Treaty of Peace and the extension of the Revenue Laws over the State in 1848.

Salem ships and shipping naturally figure extensively in the collections. There is a package of the letters of instructions from the owners of vessels to their captains, some dated prior to the Revolutionary War. A certain form was frequently used at the beginning of the letters, such as is found in one to Captain Nathaniel Silsbee in 1780:—"The ship Benjamin, of which you are master, being ready for sea, I do advise and order you to come to sail and make the best of your way for the Cape of Good Hope."

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In a bound volume is the concise report of a captain to his owners in 1803 about the capture of his ship by a French privateer and her subsequent rescue by an English frigate, the commander of which asked and received as salvage one-eighth of the value of the cargo.

Here is an example of an act that through constant repetition became a fixed habit: A programme of a farewell concert by Adelina Patti in 1883.

This next item was the work of that delightful raconteur, Francis H. Lee: Three volumes of material, including photographs, for a history of Chestnut Street.

Was the reason for the issuing of this document a desire to protect from annoyance the Salem man who used it, or was it to give him a standing in the metropolis? It is a formal document from the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts granting permission to a Salem man to go to New York in September, 1862.

The list might be continued indefinitely, but enough has been given to show how varied is the material, some dating from the earliest times in Salem, while other items have nothing whatever to do with Salem, or even with Massachusetts. If a catalogue by subjects were made of all the items in an issue of a newspaper of today, it could not contain more disconnected entries than would a similar compilation of the contents of the fireproof, and for a similar reason, because these accumulations represent life in all its aspects, and life at first hand without amendment or revision; truly a wonderful collection.

It may be said, and said truthfully, that what have been selected are not the items of value which give the collections their high standing among students. But a searcher for witchcraft items among the Putnam papers would not give a second look at the wealth of shipping material in the Derby papers. And the specialist on commerce would disregard a volume whose label showed it to be letters from a father to his son in Yale College two centuries ago, even though the writer expressed in the old style handwriting such present day thoughts as, "I am sending you some money; why don't you write us?" And moreover, none of these investigators would

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think he could find anything of significance in an old stereoscopic view of a dozen children in their perambulators, on the reverse of which the photographer, in his exultation, had printed:—

A Photographic Feat Unparalled
The photographing of so many babies in one group, and getting them *ALL STILL.* is a thing probably never before accomplished. (R. B. Lewis, Hudson, Mass., 1874.)

The thought that is uppermost in the mind on learning of these treasures is, How can they be made available and their contents become known? The cabalistic combinations—dear to the heart of the cataloguer—such as PQR 49 Z and ST 1860 X, might be affixed to each of the manuscripts, but it would take much time, and for some of us it might be eternity, before the listing could be completed. And even then the algebraic formulas would give no intimation of the dramatic force latent in some time-stained sheet bearing names of men not only forgotten, but so far out of mind that it might take days to search out enough to allow an understanding of what they wrote.

The Secretary called my attention one day to a bundle of manuscript, a diary of three hundred pages, that had been in the Institute for fifty years. The name of the diarist had been known only a few months when he spoke of it. The result for me was a delightful personal experience of eighteen months' study of that manuscript, for it led to the revivifying of a strong character, a Lynn Quaker, Zaccheus Collins, who died in 1770. There are many items waiting for development by those who may be so fortunate as to find the particular lines of investigation that appeal to their individual taste.

The Waters-Withington manuscripts, through the arduous, faithful work of one especially well fitted for the task, Mr. Henry W. Belknap, are being made available for investigators. Their acquisition will result in a substantial increase in the number of those resorting to the Institute for research and study, though the number consulting manuscripts in libraries is small as compared with those using books.

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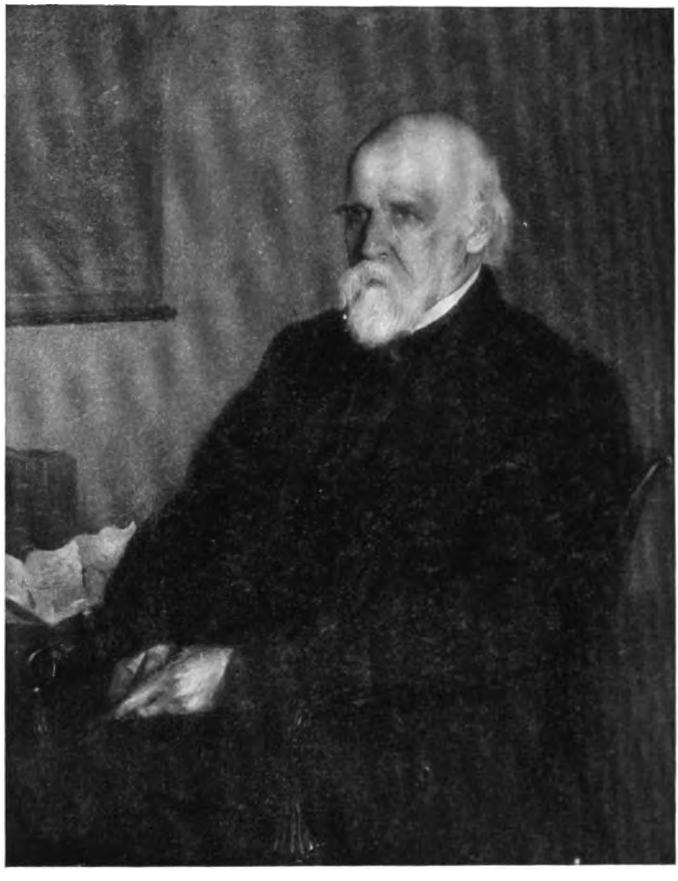

HENRY FITZGILBERT WATERS

1833—1913

From the portrait by I. H. Caliga, now in the possession of the Essex Institute.

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A volume of manuscripts cannot be examined with the same assurance one has when he consults a dictionary. Neither can a man expect to receive desired information when he says in the same breath that he wants to know what were the commercial relations between Salem and Timbuctoo and that his train leaves in twenty minutes.

The study of these manuscripts takes time and patience. Rigid rules regarding their use, such as are in force wherever manuscripts are kept for study, will have to be made and observed, for though a book that is lost or damaged may be replaced, a manuscript lost is lost forever.

In conclusion, the purpose of this report is not to relate in detail what the fireproof contains, for that is a matter of library administration that is being well cared for. The object is rather to affirm again that the Institute has safely in its fireproof an accumulation of manuscript material, comprehensive, diversified, and in some lines almost complete.

Therefore, whatever your line of investigation and study, make sure, before you make your summary, that you learn what the Essex Institute contains on the subject.

JOHN ALBREE.

THE WATERS-WITHINGTON GENEALOGICAL MANUSCRIPTS.

The recent acquisition of the entire collection of manuscript notes and typewritten copies of wills, parish registers, and other sources of genealogical information, representing the result of over forty years of research by our most eminent Essex County genealogist, Mr. Henry Fitz-Gilbert Waters, and his successor in the work, Mr. Lothrop Withington, a native of Newburyport, puts the Essex Institute in possession of the largest showing of unprinted English genealogical material that can be found in this country. It should assist all searchers who visit the Institute for research in that line and attract many

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from all parts of the country, who otherwise would never be seen here.

The wills of which some fourteen thousand are typewritten copies, cover more or less fully most of the probate jurisdictions of England and to some extent those of Scotland, Ireland and Wales. In some cases they represent complete files for years at a time, in others only such were selected as seemed probably those of connections of American immigrants. These copies are being arranged for binding in two series, one according to volume and page of each court, and hence practically in order of date in that court. The other series according to family name and alphabetically by christian name under the family heading. The latter series is therefore self-indexed.

In passing over these wills, while it has not been possible to examine them very closely, many names have been noted that are very suggestive in connection with our early New England and Virginia settlers, and not a few contain direct references to relatives across the sea. Of course among them are a number which have previously been copied for the compilers of various family genealogies, but it seems certain that in some instances supplementary information can be found and also a good deal as to families intermarried with those of the emigrants.

The probate districts covered number about sixty in all, and in most of these there are several jurisdictions, such as consistories, archdeaconries, etc.

As the great Prerogative Courts of Canterbury and York cover between them all of England and Wales, the wills proved in these courts are very numerous, while a large number are to be found in sundry jurisdictions of County Essex.

Since this work was carried on both by Mr. Waters and Mr. Withington very largely in the interest and through the support of the late Mr. James J. Goodwin of Hartford, in his search for Goodwin ancestry, it is but natural that the greatest volume upon any one name concerns that of Goodwin, but others, such as Abbot, Adams, Allen, Armstrong, Arnold, Hills, Morgan, Palmer and Stokes, are largely represented, and in all of them there is much

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to be learned about other families. It supplements very greatly the two volumes of Mr. Waters' Gleanings and Register Soame of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury for 1620, copied by Mr. J. Henry Lea.

The period covered is roughly from the fifteenth to the eighteenth centuries, but much the greater number are wills of the early seventeenth century, when the tide of colonists was setting most strongly in this direction.

Apart from purely genealogical interest, there are many wills notable for peculiar and quaint verbiage, interesting bequests, such as the one in which the testator leaves to his executor ten shillings per annum, "as long as my poor parrot shall live", and references to places or things of historic association; for example, the will of Thomas Pope of St. Savior's, County Surrey, proved in 1604, in which he bequeaths his title in "the Playhouse called The Globe, in the parish of St. Saviors."

Next in importance to the wills are the copies of Parish Registers. Chief of these is a copy of the Transcripts at Bury St. Edmunds, running approximately from 1580 to 1600 and covering scores of parishes. There are also an index to the Lowestoft Registers, alphabetically arranged, a copy of the important one to Americans of Bocking, County Essex, from 1561 to 1639, and more or less full extracts from some hundreds of parishes in all parts of the kingdom, being those not in print, unless a few may have since been published.

There are many indexes to Court Registers, Act Books, etc., a large quantity of depositions, indentures, and various court papers, a descriptive index to the papers in the Muniment Room of Guy's Tower, Warwick Castle, from *tempo* Elizabeth to Charles II, covering all leases of lands, marriage settlements, and other items connected with the estates. Likewise there is a Calendar of the Rotuli & Cartae Antiquae of the Earl of Warwick from *tempo* Henry II to Mary, consisting of land-grants, quit-claims, and other such documents.

Copies of the Act Books of Counties Essex, Norwich and Sudbury, of the Close Rolls of Elizabeth, James I, Charles I and others, form a considerable mass of material, partly in manuscript form.

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Next must be noted a vast quantity of manuscript notes on many families and sundry files of correspondence with actual or potential clients, in which there are often valuable hints on genealogical matters.

It is impossible to itemize fully the range of the collection, but an important part remains to be mentioned in connection with the English material, namely, a complete file in manuscript (not type-written) of all wills in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury from 1605 to 1619. This it will be noted is further extended for the year 1620 by Register Soame mentioned above, and thus we have available sixteen years in full of this most important court.

In the Prerogative Court of York there is a complete file, type-written, for 1635 and in manuscript for 1637, beside scattering wills for many other years. In other courts there are at least as many more in manuscript as the type-written series previously alluded to.

Turning to items which pertain to American affairs entirely, we have a photostat copy of a Virginia Court Book beginning in 1624, a manuscript copy of the first book of town records of Newbury, Mass., and a tax-book for 1807 of the same town, also sundry other American notes. There is a survey of Dunmore Township, Gloucester County, N. Y., for 1771-2, three orderly books of Col. Moses Little's in the Revolutionary war, and a parcel of papers concerning him.

The foregoing will serve to show the more important parts of the whole, and it will be apparent that it constitutes a very remarkable collection of notes.

HENRY W. BELKNAP.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO VISIT THE COLLECTIONS IN CHARGE OF THE PEABODY MUSEUM.

The systematic study of natural history in this vicinity first took definite shape with the organization of the Essex County Natural History Society in 1833. In 1848 this society was united with the Essex Historical Society under the name of the Essex Institute. Institute volunteers began collections of natural objects, and by 1856, when the Essex Institute moved into the old Plummer Hall, there was a very considerable collection on exhibition. For some years apparently the work in natural history was the most important branch of the activities of the Institute, and in 1866 they had four or five scientific men,—Putnam, Hyatt, Morse, Packard, Cooke and others at work.

With the gift of Mr. George Peabody and the organization of the Peabody Academy of Science in 1867, it seemed advisable to those in control of the several institutions in Salem at that time,—and it probably was so,—that work in natural history and ethnology should be done at the new institution, and that the Institute should devote its energy more to historical, literary and artistic work and the development of its great library. With this object in view, the Essex Institute on May 29, 1867, deposited with the trustees of the Peabody Academy, "upon a special, permanent deposit and trust, to be kept by them and their successors forever in the East India Marine Hall, so-called, in said city of Salem, or in some other building equally as good, and located in said city; said scientific collections to be properly cared for and arranged according to such methods as shall, in the judgment of said Trustees, make them most available for

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the benefit and instruction of the public, and to receive the same attention which the said Trustees may give to other collections and specimens of a similar character which they may at any time hold or acquire: to be labelled with the name and as the collections of the Essex Institute, and catalogued as such."

These collections have now been in charge of the Trustees of the Peabody Academy and their successor the Peabody Museum for almost half a century. The Institute has had a standing committee upon the subject of these natural history collections, but it is a good many years since they have been examined and reported upon.

This year the chairman arranged with the officers of the Museum for the committee to visit the Museum and examine the collection on February 28th. They did so, all the officers of the Museum were present as well as the secretary of the Essex Institute, and every facility was offered for examining the specimens and their condition, and the warmest thanks of the Institute should be extended to the officers of the Museum for the trouble they took and the help they have all furnished to this committee in preparing this report. At a subsequent meeting, at which the officers of the Academy and the secretary of the Institute met with us, the matter was still further discussed and many interesting incidents in the history of the collection were given by Prof. Morse and Mr. Robinson.

Many kinds of natural history specimens deteriorate with time and if not carefully looked after very rapidly. Your committee are satisfied, however, that of the specimens received in 1867 from the Institute a very large proportion are not only in existence today, but in better condition than when received. As was inevitable, the large number of specimens bottled in alcohol have deteriorated to such an extent that they have had to be disposed of. The same is true of parts of the insect collection. Of the mounted fish, several of the large and rare ones have been remounted and painted and are much more valuable than before. Many of the birds have been remounted and cleaned. The Museum has carefully com-

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plied with the requirements that the specimens should be labelled so as to be identified at any time, and Mr. A. P. Morse in relabelling this part of the Museum is very carefully crediting all the acquisitions from the Institute. Furthermore, in all guides and publications of the Museum, full credit is given to the Institute for its deposit. The committee of the Institute should at intervals of a few years visit the Museum and assure themselves that the matter of labelling continues to be attended to as carefully as it is at present.

The Museum has not been idle during this half century, but around the nucleus received from the Institute has built up natural history collections in many branches many times outnumbering the original specimens received. Like all good museums or libraries, it does not expand equally in all directions. At one period the interest was largely in shells and fish and great additions were made in these lines, at another botany and a great county herbarium was built up and a magnificent collection of county woods, then mineralogy and geology, and during the long and useful life of Mr. Sears great additions were made in that department. The present curator, Mr. A. P. Morse, is especially interested in building up and improving the collections of birds and mammals. He is doing this intelligently and wisely with the small means at his disposal and deserves the aid and help of every friend of our two learned institutions.

The committee is entitled "Committee on the Natural History Collections". At a convenient time the name of the committee should be changed to "Committee to visit the Collections in charge of the Peabody Museum". This change is suggested as there are several other collections and specimens in ethnology and in the Marine Room which should be included. They further suggest that specimens deposited in the future by the Institute should be deposited in accordance with the agreement recently adopted in depositing certain marine objects. The committee feel that our visit has been profitable and valuable to both institutions and that at intervals of about ten years the committee should make a similar exhaustive examination and report.

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A statement in regard to the growth and development of the natural history collections prepared by one of the officers of the Museum for the purpose of furnishing information to your committee is so valuable that the committee have preferred to annex it in full rather than attempt to incorporate it in their own report.

To conclude, the committee are satisfied, not only that the Peabody Museum has taken every care that was possible of the specimens entrusted to them, that the only losses have been due to inevitable deterioration of time, and that the officers at present in charge are capable and competent, and there is no reason to doubt that this excellent management will continue. That the collections on exhibition are properly labelled, and that due credit is given in the publications to the Essex Institute for its deposit, and that when the relabelling is completed every Institute specimen will be properly marked. Furthermore, they feel that the Museum has carried out the spirit of the original agreement with the Institute by continuing to expand and enlarge these natural history collections, and that though they have had other and important branches of work to undertake, they have on the whole spent a fair proportion of their income and energy on these lines to the very great benefit of intensive scientific study, so that there is probably not another county in the United States which can show a more complete or better arranged collection illustrative of its natural history.

STEPHEN W. PHILLIPS, *Chairman*,
ARTHUR W. WEST,
JOHN PICKERING,
CHAS. S. REA.

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Notes on the Natural History Collections Transferred to the Peabody Museum by the Essex Institute in 1868.

By John Robinson.

The agreement made between the Peabody Museum and the Essex Institute in 1868 in regard to the permanent deposit and care of the Natural History collections of the Institute has proved too complicated to carry out absolutely in every detail, but the spirit of the agreement has been followed by the officers of the Peabody Museum in every way possible.

By means of the transfer the Institute was relieved of a great burden and an ever increasing expense in caring for this collection, and it became possible for the Institute to devote its attention and funds to its important historical work. Natural history collections may be made at any time, while historical collections must be made whenever the objects are available,—or never.

Essex County Natural History Collections transferred: summary:—

Archaeology: Pre-historic objects: A fair collection of these objects was received in 1868. All are preserved in the Peabody Museum, and are either on exhibition or are stored. To this foundation of, perhaps, 400 specimens, both in and outside of the county, there have been added a very large number of local specimens,—many thousands,—so that the Essex County collection is now a very fine one and well arranged, although deserving to be placed more conspicuously and in modern cases. The archaeological collections outside the county have been increased by the addition of specimens of much value, but not in great numbers.

Rocks and Minerals: A very small collection of Essex County mineral and rock specimens was received in 1868. These are now included in the exhaustive collection made by Mr. John Henry Sears. The volume on the County

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Geology and many special papers published by the Institute are based on Mr. Sears' work, which extended over many years and was conducted at the expense of the Peabody Museum, with the kind assistance of a generous friend.

Lower Invertebrates: A few sponges, star-fish, etc., were received. This collection was much increased by Mr. Emmerton, 1879-1880, and is now in process of rearrangement.

Crustacea: The specimens in this department have been considerably increased, and a list of the county species was prepared by Prof. J. S. Kingsley and published by the Institute.

Mollusca: Practically no local collection was received, but a collection is being developed, and the specimens so far arranged are on exhibition.

Insects: The county specimens were merged in a general collection of insects received. The original specimens have mostly perished from age, but a new collection has been gradually gathered and the larger lepidoptera and some other species are now well arranged for public exhibition, with screens to protect them from fading.

Fishes: The alcoholic specimens received were crowded in bottles, as was the custom at the time; some poorly stuffed specimens came with them. The collection has been greatly improved, all of the old stuffed specimens of value have been remounted, and the alcoholic specimens discarded, except in the case of rare species, and modern mounted specimens substituted. The original county collection and those from foreign countries were student's collections and of little use for public exhibition.

Birds: About 200 county specimens were received, together with some nests and a collection of eggs. There is now a large reference collection of mounted specimens, including nearly all of the known species from the county, with many eggs and nests and four mounted groups. This must always be a reference collection for the use of persons seeking to match their specimens or to identify birds observed on walks and elsewhere. A duplicate study collection is kept in the class-room, and bird-

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classes have been conducted regularly for twenty years. A hand-book of county birds has been issued, prepared by the curator, Mr. A. P. Morse.

Mammals: A small number of stuffed specimens from the county were received. There is now an excellent collection on exhibition, including the skeleton of a blackfish and casts of a sword-fish and pigmy sperm whale from county specimens. A pocket list of the mammals of Essex County was issued by the Peabody Museum in 1914.

All natural history specimens exposed to the light, as those in all public collections must necessarily be, deteriorate rapidly and the color of the fur of the mammals fades, as well as the color of insects and the color of birds, while all alcoholic specimens become absolutely white in a few years. Thus frequent renewals are necessary, making it in the case of mounted specimens very expensive to keep an exhibition collection up to a high standard. Lectures given by Prof. Edward S. Morse on natural history subjects in Academy Hall have aggregated more than thirty, and lectures have been given by others at the sessions of the Summer School, besides lectures on botany referred to elsewhere in these notes.

Botany: Four hundred specimens of dried plants gathered in Essex County were received in 1868. This local collection has been increased to 4,000 sheets covering all departments. A catalogue, with notes of the Essex County flora, based on this collection, was printed by the Institute in 1880. It was the first of its kind issued, previous catalogues being dry lists of plants generally poorly printed. Of course there were local manuals of plants, but catalogues finely printed with notes were unknown. A complete collection of the woods of county trees, well illustrated by pictures, has been added to the collection in the Museum, and a catalog of the Essex County woody plants, prepared at the Peabody Museum, was published by the Essex Institute in 1879. In 1889 a full series of the woods of Essex County native trees, gathered by the Peabody Museum for the purpose, were tested by the United States government and the results included in the report of the ninth census in the volume

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prepared by Prof. Charles S. Sargent of the North American forest trees and reprinted in the report of the Peabody Museum of 1884. Lectures by botanists of note have been given in Academy Hall and at the sessions of the Summer School from 1876 to 1882. Classes in botany and some botanical laboratory work also have been conducted.

Commercial Marine Collections. Nothing was received in this department in 1868. Many objects from the East India Marine Society collections were sent on deposit to the Institute, not being, as the agreement expressed it, "of a scientific nature". But with the establishment of a Marine Room to include the relics of the East India Marine Society, all desirable objects have been returned, and with a spirit of generous co-operation the Institute has deposited its more recently acquired collections in this department with the Peabody Museum. The Marine Room collection is now recognized as among the finest of its character in any museum.

General Zoölogy: A large collection of zoölogical specimens was received, including the fine corals, stuffed mammals and birds, great numbers of shells of mollusks, and a large collection of alcoholic specimens in every department, this last a student's collection. The Foster collection of skins of birds and mammals from Australia came just as the changes were being made in 1868; they were given to the Institute, but the whole expense of preparing them for exhibition was met by the Peabody Museum. The interesting Australian marsupials are the most valuable part of this collection. Since 1882 the zoölogical specimens have been arranged as a synoptical collection in sequence from the lowest to the highest forms as best adapted for examination by classes from schools, although quite as desirable for the casual visitor, and a large number of specimens have been added to fill gaps, as the Galapagos turtles, the skeleton of a gorilla, the bison, the elk, carniverous parrot, lyre-bird, and funds to purchase an ostrich, very much needed to represent its group in the collection, have been given by a friend, but like many other things, its acquisition has been held up

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by the great war. About 1888, after careful consideration and on the advice of specialists, it was decided to transfer to the University Museum at Cambridge all of the alcoholic specimens not required for the Museum, those received from the Institute and elsewhere, for such specimens over fifteen years old are worthless unless representing a type, a very rare species, or the voucher for a record of a species from an unusual locality. The specimens sent to Cambridge were from twenty-two to thirty-five years old. On examination at Cambridge, much was discarded as absolutely worthless, part was used for class work, and a few specimens were used in the Museum.

Comparative Anatomy: A collection of bones, skulls, and some mounted skeletons of animals, gathered by Dr. Henry Wheatland, came with the other collections in 1868. After being on the Museum shelves for a number of years, the unmounted bones in trays and boxes, most of them were packed away for study should they be needed in the future. Many of the skulls and the mounted specimens have found appropriate places in the Museum, the others are in storage. The horns and antlers received from the Institute have been remounted and arranged on the walls of the natural history hall and properly labelled.

Geology and Mineralogy: The numerous rock specimens and minerals received from the Institute and East India Marine Society were carefully studied by Mr. Sears and selections arranged in cases in the gallery of the natural history hall, and all other specimens which were of value for any purposes were stored in trays in the basement.

Shells of Molluscs: Very large and constantly increasing collections of shells from every quarter of the globe, many specimens coming from the Institute in 1868, are stored in cases and boxes, all specimens required to fully show each species having first been taken out for an exhibition collection and partially arranged in a cabinet in the botanical room until they receive the attention of some special student with time available to complete the classification and give them the latest names. The fad of shell collecting of the forties (19th century) has passed,

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and with it the fictitious market value of shells. Many of the collections formed by amateurs at that time have drifted to the Museum, where they await the demand of some collector or new Museum. Most of the specimens received were not accompanied with data and are therefore of very little value.

Ethnology: All of the ethnological objects received from the Institute have been incorporated with those of the East India Marine Society, and the large collections since added to the Museum and arranged with them in the Hall of Ethnology and Weld Hall.

Conclusion: While some parts of the collections received from the Institute have been distributed as noted above, it has been the policy of the Peabody Museum to retain all rare specimens which would give distinction to the collection or draw the student to the Museum, although it is sometimes urged that great special collections should receive the rarities of the smaller museums where specialization is not attempted. No department of the Peabody Museum interests visitors, especially the younger people, more than the natural history collections. Modern ways of displaying objects have entirely superceded former methods, and while the Museum is well arranged for the demands of the nineteenth century, it is far behind more recent conceptions of museum arrangement. The natural history collection of the Peabody Museum has increased in importance as an educational factor in many ways, and by frequent rearrangement has become much more interesting to the public. The case room it now occupies is about double that of 1869 when first opened to visitors after the transfer of the Institute collections, when it was crowded into the central and western lines of cases on the floor and the gallery. Still the collection could be vastly improved, and none realize this fact more or desire its accomplishment more earnestly than the board of trustees and the officers of the Peabody Museum.

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TREASURER'S REPORT TO MAY 1, 1916.

INCOME.

Balance from last Report			$77 26
Income General Fund	$5,387 39		
Less Miscellaneous Charges	38 50		
		$5,348 89	
Income Permanent Fund		4,598 49	
Income Temporary Funds		370 96	
Assessment of Members		1,458 00	
			11,776 34
Sales of Publications, etc			1,690 50
Income "Very House Memorial"	$225 00		
Less Repairs and Expenses	122 89		
			102 11
Contributions for purchase of "Waters-Withington Manuscript Collection"		$375 00	
Withdrawn from Rare Book Fund for purchase of "Waters-Withington Manuscript Collection"		866 37	
			1,241 37
Received to pay balance of Fireproof Addition Loan			2,000 00
			$16,887 60

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries		$5,805 99	
Extra Labor		347 69	
Fuel		522 57	
Light and Water		75 50	
Postage and Express		257 38	
Supplies and Printing		334 07	
Furniture and Fixtures		167 72	
Library, Periodicals, etc		763 79	
China Library		195 86	
Repairs		231 24	
Publications		813 61	
Insurance (current)		113 39	
Binding		386 20	
Annual Meeting		60 11	
Lectures		242 08	
Museum Objects		129 26	
Natural History and Horticulture		16 45	
			$10,462 91
Court Records			755 05
Income "Very House Memorial" used to reduce cost of repairs			83 48
Transfer to Temporary Funds (Insurance Fund)			400 00
Income Funded.			
Rare Book Fund		$23 20	
Mack Medical Library Fund		47 50	
Witch Hill Monument Fund		04	
China Library Room Fund		21 10	
John James Currier Fund		90	
			92 74
"Waters-Withington Manuscript Collection" (on account)			1,241 57
Loan Paid			2,000 00
Balance of Cash—Secretary		$24 07	
Treasurer		1,827 78	1,851 85
			$16,887 60

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM O. CHAPMAN,
Treasurer.

Salem, May 1, 1916.

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BEQUESTS AND GIFTS INVESTED AS THE "PERMANENT FUND."

Income only to be used for the purposes designated.

1848	Original Account, for "general purposes,"	$500 00
1848	Essex Historical Society Fund, for "historical purposes,"	700 00
1848	Essex County Natural History Fund, for "natural history or horticulture," .	700 00
1848	Life Membership Fund, for "general purposes,"	2,250 00
1870	Charles Davis bequest, for "general purposes,"	5,000 00
1878	Caroline R. Derby bequest, for care of Derby tomb and "general purposes," .	500 00
1882	Augustus Story bequest, for "purchase, preservation and publication of historical material, proceedings and memoirs,"	10,000 00
1882	Robert Peele and Elizabeth A. Peele bequests, for "general purposes," . .	2,120 00
1885	Martha G. Wheatland bequest, "for purchase of books for the library," . .	10,800 00
1889	James A. Emmerton bequest, to "support Historical Collections," . . .	10,000 00
1890	Nancy D. Cole bequest, "Ichabod Tucker Fund" for "Historical Department and the purchase of books and binding," .	5,000 00
1890	Nancy D. Cole bequest, "Thomas Cole Fund," for "purchase of books and apparatus for the microscopical department and for the library," . . .	5,000 00
1895	William Mack, M. D., bequest, for "purchase of rare and expensive works of merit in medicine and surgery," . .	1,892 79
1899	Salem Lyceum Fund, to "support free lectures,"	3,000 00

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1901	Harriet P. Fowler bequest, for "salary of an assistant librarian who shall have charge of the donations" made by Miss Fowler, ...	3,000 00
1901	Elizabeth C. Ward bequest, for "purchase of books and pictures relating to China and the Chinese,"	9,000 00
1902	Lydia A. Very bequest, "Burial Lot," for care of Very family burial lot," . .	3,067 57
1902	Lydia A. Very bequest, "Very House Memorial," for a "memorial of my brothers, Jones Very and Washington Very," .	3,200 00
1909	Frederick Lamson bequest, for "purchase of objects for the museum illustrating early New England life and customs,"	1,000 00
1915	Harriet Rose Lee Fund, "Income to be used for general purposes," . . .	2,000 00
——	Permanent Fund, Miscellaneous, for "general purposes,"	10,648 18
		$89,378 54

BEQUESTS AND GIFTS INVESTED AS THE "GENERAL FUND."

Both principal and income are available for any purpose.

1875	Abby W. Ditmore bequest, for "general purposes,"	$3,100 00
1876	Ladies' Fair donation, for "general purposes,"	1,142 86
1879	William B. Howes bequest, for "general purposes,"	25,000 00
1885	Esther C. Mack bequest, for "general purposes,"	4,000 00
1886	General Subscription, for repairs and improvement of Essex Institute Building,	14,370 69
1898	George Plummer Smith bequest, for "general purposes,"	4,770 00

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1898	George L. Ames bequest, for "general purposes,"	96,785 28
1900	Elizabeth Wheatland bequest, for "general literary and scientific uses," . .	3,698 16
1900	J. Henry Stickney bequest, for "general purposes,"	1,000 00
1900	Walter Scott Dickson bequest, for "general purposes,"	25,588 08
1901	Elizabeth C. Ward bequest, for "general purposes,"	6,973 22
1902	William J. Cheever bequest, "in memory of Charles G. Cheever," for "general purposes,"	20,000 00
1903	Susan S. Kimball bequest, for "general purposes,"	1,000 00
1905	An Anonymous Donor, for "general purposes,"	810 00
1909	General Charles L. Pierson donation, for "general purposes,"	100 00
1913	Abigail O. and Mary E. Williams bequest, for "general purposes," . . .	500 00
——	General Fund, Miscellaneous, for "general purposes,"	29,391 66
		$238,229 95

BEQUESTS AND GIFTS INVESTED AS "TEMPORARY FUNDS."

Witch Hill Monument Fund, ...	$1 84
Manuscript Preservation Donation, ...	1,000 00
China Library Room Fund, ...	543 83
Rare Book Fund, ...	294 21
Insurance Fund, ...	5,860 19
Accumulated Income from William Mack, M. D., bequest, ...	1,223 56
John James Currier Book Fund, ...	44 50
Mary Mason Brooks Fund, ...	50 00
	$9,018 13

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INVESTMENTS OF THE ESSEX INSTITUTE.

PERMANENT FUND.

This Fund contains bequests the income of which only is available for specific purposes.

	Book Value
5 Shares Webster & Atlas National Bank,	$ 577 50
30 Shares National Shawmut Bank,	4,562 31
42 Shares American Telephone & Telegraph Co.,	5,699 85
1 Share Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Preferred,	72 60
2 Shares Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Common,	143 75
11 Shares Boston & Maine Railroad, Common,	2,045 67
33 Shares Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, Preferred,	3,943 50
17 Shares Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, Common,	1,621 64
17 Shares Chicago & Northwestern Railway, Preferred,	2,570 50
37 Shares Chicago & Northwestern Railway, Common,	4,354 26
20 Shares Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway,	1,715 00
25 Shares H. B. Claflin Co., First Preferred Stock,	2,450 00
10 Shares Devonshire Building Trust,	1,010 00
72 Shares Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston,	10,367 75
2 Shares Lowell Bleachery,	100 00
36 Shares Massachusetts Electric Co.'s, Preferred, 15 Shares Massachusetts Electric Co.'s Common,	3,202 90
60 Shares New York Central & Hudson River Railroad,	6,760 20
84 Shares Pepperell Manufacturing Co.,	4,540 00
60 Shares Union Pacific Railroad, Preferred,	3,597 88
12 Shares Union Pacific Railroad, Common,	783 87
10 Shares United Electric Securities Co., Preferred,	1,000 00
$2000 American Telephone & Telegraph Co. Coll. Trust, 4s, 1929,	1,980 00

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	Book Value
$1000 Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, Prior Lien 3 1-2s, 1925,	$952 50
$1000 Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. Convertible 4 1-2s, due June 1, 1932,	1,000 00
$2000 Interborough Rapid Transit Co. First Mortgage 5s, 1966,	2,000 00
$2000 Kansas City Belt Railroad, Fisrt Mortgage 6s, 1916,	2,000 00
$5000 Northern Pacific Railway, Prior Lien gold 4s, 1997,	5,000 00
$1000 United Traction & Electric Co. of Providence & Pawtucket, 5s, 1933,	1,000 00
$1000 Western Electric Co. First Mortgage 5s, Dec. 31, 1922, optional after 1911,	996 25
$2000 Western Telephone & Telegraph Co. Coll. Trust, 5s, 1932,	2,000 00
$3000 United Electric Securities Co., 30th series, Coll. Trust 5s, 1939,	3000 00
$1000 United Electric Securities Co., 35th series, Coll. Trust 5s, 1942,	1,000 00
Salem Savings Bank,	3,930 61
"Very House Memorial," 154 Federal St. City valuation (1905), house, $1,200; 11,375 ft. land, $2,000. (Net income used to reduce cost of repairs),	3,200 00
"Ship Rock," Peabody, and about 2 1-2 acres,	200 00
	$89,378 54

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GENERAL FUND.

This Fund is available, both principal and income, for any purpose.

	Book Value
25 Shares Asiatic National Bank, Salem (in liquidation, 160% paid),	0 00
2 Shares First National Bank, Salem (in liquidation, 70% paid),	0 00
35 Shares Merchants National Bank, Salem,	$2,297 25
10 Shares Naumkeag Trust Co., Salem,	1,350 00
48 Shares Boston Elevated Railway,	6,697 50
12 Shares Great Falls Manufacturing Co.,	1,932 00
30 Shares Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co.,	2,305 00
5 Shares New York, New Haven & Hartford R. R.,	1,073 75
99 Shares Pennsylvania Railway Co.,	6,186 25
2 Shares Proprietors of the South Buildings,	80 00
16 Shares Pullman Company,	2,629 00
1 1-2 Shares Salmon Falls Manufacturing Co.,	190 00
25 Shares United States Steel Corporation, Preferred,	1,840 00
118 Shares Union Stock Yards Company of Omaha,	11,563 00
$7000 Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, General Mortgage, 4s, 1995,	6,734 30
$5000 Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, First Mortgage, gold, 4s, 1948,	5,000 00
$2000 Clinton (Iowa) Water Works Co. 5s, 1939,	2,000 00
$2000 Cumberland Telephone Co., First Mortgage 5s, 1937,	2,000 00
$4000 Iowa Central Railroad, First Mortgage 5s, 1938,	4,000 00
$5000 Iowa Falls & Sioux City Railroad, First Mortgage 7s, 1917,	5,000 00
$3000 Long Island Railroad. Refunding 4s, 1949,	3,000 00
$10,000 Milwaukee, Sparta & No. Western R. R., First Mortgage, 4s, 1947,	9,400 00
$2,000 New England Cotton Yarn Co., First Mortgage, gold, 5s, 1929,	2,000 00

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	Book Value
$5000 New England Telephone & Telegraph Co., 8th series, Debenture, 5s, 1919, . .	5,000 00
$2000 Northern Pacific Gt. Northern Railroad C., B. & Q. Coll. gold, 4s, 1921 (Registered),	2,000 00
$3000 Northern Pacific Gt. Northern Railroad, C., B. & Q. Coll. gold, 4s, 1921 (Coupon),	3,000 00
$1000 United Electric Securities Co., 23rd series, Coll. Trust, gold, 5s, 1936, . . .	1,000 00
$1000 United Electric Securities Co., 30th series, Coll. Trust, gold, 5s, 1939, . . .	1,000 00
$6000 United Electric Securities Co., 32nd series, Coll. Trust, gold 5s, 1940 . . .	6,000 00
$2000 United Electric Securities Co., 35th series, Coll. Trust, gold, 5s, 1942, . . .	2,000 00
$2000 Utah & Northern R. R., Consolidated gold, 5s, 1926, ...	1,998 61
Essex Institute Bldgs. and 40,786 ft. land, .	138,178 74
Cash (uninvested), ...	774 55
	$238,229 95

TEMPORARY FUNDS.

		Book Value
Insurance Fund		
Salem Savings Bank,	$2,037 91	
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank,	873 85	
15 Shares United Fruit Co.,	1,948 43	
$1,000 Oregon Short Line, First Consolidated Mortgage gold 5s, 1946,	1,000 00	
		$5,860 19
Witch Hill Monument Fund		
Salem Savings Bank (interest added),		1 84
Donation for Manuscript Preservation		
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank,	$ 6 25	
$1,000 American Telephone & Telegraph Co. Coll. Trust gold, 4s, 1929,	993 75	
		1,000 00

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Salem Savings Bank (interest added),	543 83
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SALEM, APRIL 29, 1916.

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Your Finance Committee has examined the securities and accounts in the hands of the Treasurer, as provided for in the By-Laws. The books appear to be carefully kept and the expenditures properly vouched. The securities examined were according to the books submitted by the Treasurer. The annual report of the Treasurer has been examined by an auditor employed by the Committee and is hereby certified to be correct.

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Boardman, Miss Mary. Glass cup plate.

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Bradley, Mrs. Eveline, Rockport. Glass cup plate, tow cloth, balance scales.

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Chung-huei, Hon. Hwang, Shanghai, China. Early Chinese copper coin.

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Dow, George Francis. Millefiore glass paper weight.

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Edwards, William G. Civil war envelopes, broken bank bill.

Fabens, Miss Marie E. Cross stitch fire screen.

Foley, P. K., Boston. Butter mold.

Folsom, Mrs., Dorchester. Derby family costume, flute, Turk's head box.

Forness, Frederick, Peabody. Tanner's "pebbles", bottle (1860).

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Goldthwait, Dr. Joel, Boston. Cordial set.

Gott, Mrs. Abby A., Rockport. Glass cup plate.

Gray, Harry A., Boston. Fractional currency.

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Hodgkins, Mrs. Ellen M. Glass cup plate.

Howard, Cecil H. C., Bebee, Ark. Daguerreotypes, tintypes, silhouette and photographs.

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Jelly, Mrs. William M. Canvass coin bags, batten door with wooden latch.

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Jenks, Mrs. Eliza L. Miniature of Capt. Thomas Williams, ambrotype, needlework, Rockingham jug.

Jeremy, Miss Flora B., Rockport. Staffordshire saucer.

Kiley, David A. Mortar and pestle.

Kimball, Miss M. A. Glass cup plate.

King, Miss Annie F. Binché lace, souvenir postcards, hair jewelry, funeral ring, jet jewelry.

Knight, Miss Sarah E. Glass cup plates, painted bread tray.

Knutsford, Mrs. Lucy A., Rockport. Pressed glass ware, brass ornaments.

Lane, Gorham, Rockport. Bung borer.

Lathrop, Mrs. E. K., Gloucester. Carved wooden eagle from Harwood Building.

Lee, Mrs. F. H. Oil portrait of Francis Cabot, miniatures, laces, porcelain bas relief of N. Bowditch, Civil War correspondence, silver porringer and spoons, shawls, pocketbooks, souvenir postcards, Lee family correspondence, snuff boxes, fans, silver spoons, patch box, shoe buckles, scent bottles, fob seals, mourning rings, jewelry, ornamental boxes, shell combs, paper money, valentines, shoes, bas relief of Franklin by Duplessis, engravings, baskets, bandboxes, pottery, pewter tea jar, sword, games, tall clock made by David Wood, Lee family furniture, Staffordshire and oriental china, rug, fire buckets, toy furniture, Civil war chest, oil portrait of Mrs. Benjamin Carpenter, oil portraits by Greenwood of Benjamin Gerrish, Governor of Bermuda, his wife, mother and child, Clark coat of arms.

Leland, George, Boston. Oil portrait of Timothy Ropes and son.

Lovett, Miss Annie F., Beverly. Embroidered flounce, lithograph in larch cone frame.

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Low, Miss Susan, Rockport. Glass cup plates, pressed glass.

McShay, George B. Hewing axe.

Martin, Misses. Lace cap and cap box.

Mercer, Henry C., Doylestown, Pa. Slab of tiles from the Moravian Pottery and Tile Works.

Merritt, H. A. Claw hammer.

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Miller, William. Child's boot (1850).

Millett, Mrs. Benj. H. Brown glaze jug.

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Morse, A. P., Wellesley. Bottles.
Nichols, Charles F., M. D., Estate of, Boston. Daguerreotype.
Old Ladies' Home, Salem. Shell comb.
Oxton, Mrs. Marie R., Hyde Park. Wall paper (1812).
Page, Bela, Estate of, Hardwick. Staffordshire ware.
Patillo, A. Manson, Gloucester. Reproduction of wall paper.
Peabody, Edwin N. Photographic negatives.
Peabody, Mrs. George L., Estate of. Water color of ship "Borneo".
Peabody Museum, Salem. 4 portrait busts, collection of tiles, snuff box, mosaic tiling.
Perkins, Miss Mary, Marblehead. Ship's pass, commission of privateer "Conger" (1799), autographs, costumes.
Putnam, George G. Badges, campaign buttons, etc.
Rantoul, Robert S. Souvenir postcard.
Reith, Richmond. Sandbox, oak joist from old house cor. Church St., Salem.
Robinson, John. Postcards, bottle, coins.
Ropes, Willis H. Glass bottles, ginger jar, Staffordshire ware, Rockingham bowl, mantel ornaments, spectacles, pottery, tile calendar, coins, photographs, shoemaker's tools.
Ross, Miss Julia A., Quincy. Staffordshire cup.
Ruggles, Henry S., Wakefield. Souvenir postcard.
Salem Fraternity. Games, sterescopic views, early typewriter.
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Smart, Mrs. C. H., Peabody. Costume.
Smart, Charles H., Peabody. Photographs.
Southworth, Mrs. C. F., Peabody. Staffordshire ware, glass cup plate, school reward, relic of Boston fire.
Spencer, Lt.-Col. John E. Brass connection of Salem Aqueduct Co.
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Stickney, Walter J. Photographic negatives.
Sweetser, J. Homer, Lynn. Dutch tiles.
Symonds, Mrs. Eben B. Staffordshire cup plates, souvenir postcards.
Tarr, Harvey H., Rockport. Framed lithographs.
Tileston, Mrs. Mary W., Brookline. Framed photograph of Caleb Foote.
Tresnon, Mrs. Charles, Rockport. Indian bannock board.
Tufts, Mrs. Abby J. Delft dish, oil portrait of Hugh McLean.
Welch, A. N., Peabody. Rockingham ware, tobacco cutter.
West, Arthur W. Silver watches, photographic negatives, photographs.

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Weston, Charles H., London, England. Silver patch box, ewer and teaspoons.

Whidden, Mrs. Helen E. Glass cup plate.

Wiley, Capt. William F., Peabody. Glass cup plate.

Willoughby, Charles C., Cambridge. Hand-woven coverlet.

Willson, Misses. Staffordshire ware, bunches of quills, costume, silhouettes, photographs, "patch", pottery, baskets, band-boxes, drawn rug, medicine chest, gloves, fan, melon seed handbag.

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ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

It hardly seems necessary to make a report in regard to the Institute, as everything of interest will be dealt with in the reports of the Secretary, the Librarian, and the Treasurer.

The acquisition of the Pierce-Johonnot-Nichols House as an Historical Monument is an event of great importance. Sometime ago a committee was appointed by the Essex Institute, consisting of Mr. John Robinson, Mr. Stephen W. Phillips and myself, to consider the question of the purchase and preservation of the Mansion. Through the kindness and generosity of the Misses Nichols, the house was finally purchased for the Institute. I am sure all of our members will be glad to feel that the Misses Nichols are to remain in the old homestead during their lives. At certain stated times the house will be shown to persons who present a card from the Essex Institute. It would have been a great misfortune to Salem had this house been torn down and removed elsewhere—a danger by no means imaginary—or had it fallen into the hands of people who did not appreciate all that it means to this community. Built in the latter part of the eighteenth century by Samuel McIntire, whose fame as an architect, not only in Salem but in the country at large, is greater now than perhaps at any time since his death, the house remains to-day practically unchanged. Through the efforts of Mr. Phillips, the Treasurer of the Committee, the sum of $20,300 (which, with interest, amounted to $20,455.73), was raised from sixty-seven contributors without any expense. We paid the Misses Nichols the sum of $10,000; we set aside as a permanent Endowment Fund (now in the hands of the Treasurer of the Institute) the sum of $8,000; and we have reserved

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for immediate repairs the sum of $2,455.78. Among the contributors, eighteen were from Salem, where the sum of $3910 was raised, but as this amount was principally made up of large contributions, the answers to our appeal, which was not very general, were not satisfactory. It is strongly urged that every member of the Institute, as well as their friends, will endeavor to subscribe something toward the preservation of this house, as a good deal of money must be spent in repairs, and the Endowment Fund should be raised to at least $10,000. The great benefactor, who made the purchase of the house possible, was Mr. Willard Straight, of New York, who gave the sum of $8000, merely because he had seen the house, appreciated its charms and beauty, and felt that such a house should be saved "as an example to the architects and builders of the future."

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A remarkable collection of clocks (152) and watches (31) has been given to the Institute by Mrs. Hammond (who is a granddaughter of the late John Clarke Lee of Salem), in memory of her husband, Charles Mifflin Hammond—the son of Gardiner Greene Hammond and Elizabeth Crowninshield Mifflin, who was born at Nahant, August 4, 1861, graduated from Harvard College in the Class of 1883, and lived for many years on a ranch at Upper Lake, Lake County, California, where he died June 14, 1915. Mr. Hammond had a passion for collecting clocks and watches, and for more than twenty-five years was absorbed in so doing. This taste seems to have been inherited from his great-grandfather, the Honorable Benjamin Williams Crowninshield (a well known man in this community in the early part of the last century), who also had a fine collection. The clocks arrived in bad condition, but Mrs. Hammond is having them put in proper order, and hopes some day to give a fund which will enable the Institute to keep the clocks in repair, and to add to the collection from time to time. Mr. Hammond was a strong, vigorous character, was famous in his class at Harvard as a rowing man, and was much beloved and appreciated by those who knew him. It is proposed, during the coming summer, to have an exhibition of these clocks.

Mrs. Francis H. Lee, who last year gave such an interesting collection to the Institute, has, during the past year, added to the Lee Collection by contributing furniture, pictures, pottery and toys.

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The heirs of the late George Augustus Gardner, of Boston, 1829-1916, have presented to the Institute a charming marble figure of "Marguerite," made in 1859 by William Wetmore Story, the American sculptor in Rome. This was purchased in Europe by Mr. Gardner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lowell Gardner, and for many years remained in their Boston home. Mrs. Gardner was Catherine Elizabeth Peabody, daughter of Joseph Peabody, the eminent merchant of Salem, and was born and married in the house which stood on the site of the old Plummer Hall, now a part of the Institute. It is fitting that any work done by Mr. Story—the most distinguished American sculptor of his time and generation—should find a place in the Institute, for Mr. Story was born in Salem, and though he passed his life in Rome, he always took pride in the fact that Salem was his birthplace.

In the death of James Potter Franks, a familiar figure on the streets of Salem for more than forty-seven years has disappeared. Mr. Franks became Rector of Grace Church, Salem, when a comparatively young man, and died in the fullness of his powers, beloved and esteemed not only by his parishioners, but by the entire community. His quiet, dignified, unselfish, pure character brought sunshine into the home of joy or sorrow. The example of such a life is far reaching, and will be a tender memory to those who are left behind. In 1873 he was elected a member of the Institute, was a member of the Library Committee from 1907, and became a member of the Council in 1916.

In the death of McDonald Ellis White, the Institute has lost a most valuable member. He had a very charming personality, was very cultivated, had an unusual knowledge of books, attended the meetings of the Institute very faithfully, and showed much interest in everything pertaining to its welfare. In 1895 he was elected a member of the Institute, and became a member of the Council in 1913.

In the death of Patrick Keating, who for seven years was janitor of the buildings, the Institute has met with a severe loss. The position is an important one, hard to

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fill satisfactorily. Mr. Keating was an unusual man, and will be greatly missed. Always faithful and competent in his work, he took a personal interest in the welfare of the Institute.

As the years go on, it is interesting to see how many families who have had ties in the past with Salem, drift back to the old town, and deposit in the Essex Institute or the Peabody Museum treasures which have more value here than they would have elsewhere—because they form a part of the history of Salem, either historical or mercantile, The two Museums are doing their full share in educating not only our own people, but those from all parts of the country as well. When you consider how many thousands visit these Museums during the year, it is very gratifying to feel that they are both run by men who have studied the problems of Museums here and in Europe, and who are willing, on small compensation, to give their lives to the fine, unselfish and competent work.

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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

The membership of the Essex Institute on April 30, 1917, was 589 in number, consisting of 520 active members, 26 life members, and 43 on the corresponding list. This is a gain of nineteen members over the previous year. During the year 57 active members have been elected and accepted membership, while 9 have withdrawn, 15 have been dropped for nonpayment of the annual assessment, and 14 have died. Among the latter were William P. Andrews of Capri, Italy, but long a resident of Salem, who was elected a member in 1870; Rev. DeWitt S. Clark of Salem, who became a member in 1879; Rev. James P. Franks of Salem, a member since 1873 and a member of the Council since May, 1916; Miss Mary Osgood Hodges of Topsfield, a member since 1870; Hon. Seth Low of New York City; and McDonald E. White of Salem, a member of the Council since October, 1913.

The attendance in the Museum has been over nine per cent greater than last year. The largest attendance on any one day was on Sunday, Feb. 18, 1917, when 499 persons passed through the picture gallery between two and five o'clock.

Attendance	Week-days	Sundays	Holidays
May, 1916	820	737	208
June	825	589	121
July	1546	543	155
Aug.	2493	561	
Sept.	1382	840	269
Oct.	1007	1202	211
Nov.	502	1107	137
Dec.	377	1810	137
Jan., 1917	456	1101	271
Feb.	428	1680	208

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Mar.	499	1364	
Apr.	454	1399	152

Week days,	10,789
Sundays,	12,933
Holidays,	1,869
Total,	25,591

The public lectures, as usual, have been given in Academy Hall, the Trustees of the Peabody Museum co-operating with the Institute. Eight lectures were given in the Free Course, all of which were illustrated. Six evenings were occupied by the Home Course.

The Free Course was as follows:—

Dec. 11, 1916. Mr. Charles W. Furlong of Boston—"Brazil, the Land of the Southern Cross."

Dec. 18, 1916. Mr. Ernest Harold Baynes of Meriden, N. H.—"Wild Birds and How to Attract Them."

Jan. 8, 1917. Rev. M. J. Ahern, S. J., Head of the Department of Chemistry and Geology, Boston College—"A Journey through the Rockies, with a side trip to South-eastern Alaska."

Jan. 22, 1917. Mr. Wallace Nutting of Framingham—"Early American Homes and Their Furnishings."

Feb. 5, 1917. Miss Alice Van Leer Carrick of Hanover, N. H.—"Collecting."

Feb. 19, 1917. Charles W. Townsend, M. D., of Boston—"The Ipswich Sand Dunes."

Mar. 5, 1917. Mr. Byron Wm. Reed of Boston, formerly of the University of Porto Rico—"Porto Rico."

Mar. 19, 1917. Dr. George H. Pepper of New York City—"The Hopi Indians of Arizona."

The Home Course was as follows:—

Jan. 1, 1917. Rev. Oliver Hart Bronson, pastor of the Tabernacle Church, Salem—"The New American and His Problems."

Jan. 15, 1917. Mrs. John M. Raymond of Salem—"Rome: Its Art and Architecture."

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Jan. 29, 1917. Mr. Charles Frederick Whitney of the State Normal School, Salem—"The Franciscan Missions of New Mexico and California."

Feb. 12, 1917. Mrs. William M. Jelly of Salem—"Basketry."

Feb. 26, 1917. Mr. Winfield S. Nevins of Salem—"Hawthorne's Removal from the Salem Custom House."

Mar. 12, 1917. Stephen W. Phillips, Esq., of Salem—"The South Seas."

The small hall in the Museum building having been fitted up to receive the Hammond Collection of Clocks, the meetings of the Salem Hospital Alumnae Association and the Old Planters Society have been held in the Reading Room, which also has been used for the rehearsals of the Salem Oratorio Society. The stereopticon lantern at Academy Hall again has been loaned to the city for its work in the evening schools, and also on several other occasions for charitable or patriotic purposes.

The publications of the year include the current volume of the Historical Collections and the Annual Report. The fifth volume of the "Records and Files of the Quarterly Courts of Essex County" has been issued and the sixth volume is about one-half in type. The first volume of the "Probate Records of Essex County" also has been issued and the second volume is partly in type. The first volume of the "Vital Records of Salem," containing one-half of the births, has been completed, and the second volume, containing the remainder of the births, will go to press next month, and be followed by the vital records of Carlisle and Stoneham. The "Plumer Genealogy" by Sidney Perley, a volume of 259 pages, and a "History of the Eastern Railroad" by Francis B. C. Bradley, containing 111 pages, with numerous illustrations, have been completed. The latter is a most interesting volume and should meet with an immediate sale. The new edition of the "Visitor's Guide to Salem," containing 234 pages of text and 119 illustrations, was published during the fall. It was largely rearranged and rewritten, and with the number of new and attractive illustrations, it should be

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well received, and not only be of value to the stranger in town, but also be most useful for historical reference in Salem families, in fact be a necessary adjunct to every enlightened home. Copies have been presented to the city to equip the desk of every teacher in the public schools.

A life member of the Institute, Mr. Ogden Codman of New York City, becoming interested in the vital records found on the gravestones in the Boston cemeteries, has defrayed the cost of compiling and publishing, by the Institute, the "Inscriptions and Tomb Burials in the Central Burying Ground, Boston," a volume of 167 printed pages. The inscriptions in the Granary Burying Ground, very imperfectly done by Bridgman in 1856, also have been compiled and are ready to be printed.

Dr. Samuel A. Green of Boston long has had in his possession a volume of manuscript records kept by the Rev. John Fiske, who was assistant pastor of the Salem Church from 1637 to 1639, and afterwards the first minister at Wenham and at Chelmsford. The volume contains nearly three hundred pages of vital records, church proceedings and religious musings, and is written in almost a mycroscopic hand, with frequent puzzing abbreviations. In fact, to the copyist, it is the most atrocious piece of writing that I have ever seen. Dr. Green has presented this volume to the Essex Institute, and is most anxious that it should be printed at his expense. About one-fourth part has been deciphered, and the close of the year should see the manuscript in the printer's hands.

The publications of the Institute during the past year total 2688 printed pages.

The radiopticon has been loaned frequently, and the collection of souvenir postcards has been in constant use, notably by the Phillips and Bentley Schools. Thirty-seven schools and societies have visited the Museum, and numerous short talks have been given to classes.

The gifts to the Museum include important additions to the Francis H. Lee collection, consisting of furniture, portraits, engravings, pottery and toys. There are three excellent portraits by Greenwood, all painted before 1750, and a portrait of the wife of Capt. Benjamin Carpenter, of a little later period.

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Perhaps the most important and certainly the most unusual gift to the Museum has been the Charles Mifflin Hammond Collection of Clocks, 152 in number, representing almost every type. There are tall clocks from England, Ireland, Sweden and Germany; mantel clocks from France, and skeleton or fusee movements from England; queer clocks from China and Japan; an ancient timepiece from a Swedish monastery; a fine Friesland clock which has below the dial a harbor view with several tin ships rising and falling as the tin waves undulate with the movement of the works. Connecticut clocks are represented in all varieties. There are several fine Willards and a very unusual clock made by James Ferguson of London about 1750, which tells the time simultaneously in twelve of the principal cities of the world. With the clocks came thirty-two watches. As the clocks were shipped to Salem from a ranch in California located over fifty miles from a railroad, it is not strange that some repairs will be necessary, but it is hoped that the collection can be placed on view within a few weeks in the western anteroom on the first floor of the Museum building—a room already refitted for its semi-permanent exhibition.

From Mr. Joseph Wilkins came a cast iron fire back which originally was brought from Ipswich. On the face of the casting may be read "I[srael] B[aker] 1722."

Miss Elizabeth H. Clark of Boston has given a most interesting and almost unique article of clothing—a farthingale, formerly in the Crowninshield family—a form of whalebone hoop extending the skirts on either side and not in a circle as was the fashion fifty years ago. In the 17th century portraits by Velasquez of the Spanish ladies of his time, the farthingale appears in finest flower, a monstrosity that today would evoke laughter or tears rather than masculine admiration. Miss Clark also gave bands worn by Doctor Bentley, naval uniforms, etc.

Mrs. Charles M. Duren has given fans and articles of costume.

Mr. Lawrence W. Jenkins has added to the collection of pressed glass cup plates, 26 new examples. The collection now totals 120 different specimens.

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Mr. Willis H. Ropes has presented a great variety of objects and aided in the purchase of many others.

A short paragraph in the Boston Post relating to the collection of Rogers groups in our Museum, which in slightly varied form also appeared in other newspapers, brought on a small avalanche of letters relating to Rogers' work, with the result that eleven new subjects have been added to the collection, which now numbers thirty-one examples.

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REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

In the following report the daily routine of the library which occupies the greater part of the time is passed over without comment, as it would be dull indeed for the members to hear that a certain number of books have been entered in the accession book, labelled, plated, embossed, classified, numbered, cataloged, and placed in proper position on the shelves each day. It *is* desirable to mention some of the interesting gifts and the more important books purchased, and to ask for more frequent donations of books and a more general use of the library by the members.

The additions to the Library during the past year have been as follows:—

	Volumes	Pamphlets	Serials
By donations and exchange,	2045	3162	4902
By purchase,	393	79	198
By subscription,			590

Total of accessions, 2438 volumes, and 8931 pamphlets and serials.

Among the many gifts to the library should be mentioned the following:—From the library of the late Frederick Lewis Gay of Brookline, who was an enthusiastic collector of rare Americana, 150 volumes, including the Calendar of State Papers, Colonial series,—the Publications of the Navy Record Society, and many genealogies and local histories which were needed on our shelves.

As a summer resident of Marblehead, Dr. Gay became interested in collecting Marblehead material, and this has been presented to the Institute by Mrs. Gay. This collection, numbering about 65 volumes, many of which have beautiful bindings, includes biographies and genealogies of local families, printed sermons of early ministers

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of the town, together with manuscript abstracts from the town records and from deeds and wills, and typewritten copies from the Massachusetts archives of all items relating to Marblehead. In addition to this the collection includes 91 maps and plans, and a folio volume of maps of Essex County. Among the books is the following Salem imprint of more than usual interest and rarity,—"The Continental Key of the liberties of America, in three parts, to which is annexed, The Lamentation of a bad market." The third edition, adorned with nine plates. New York, printed, Salem reprinted and sold by E. Russell at his printing office upper end of Main-Street, 1776.

It is a political poem, and the following lines which appear on the title page will give some idea of the style:

"Perhaps the Critics of the Age
May find a Fault in ev'ry Page,
Or yet, perhaps, in ev'ry Line,
Well, they've their Faults, I have mine.
If any Man should ask the Price,
One or two Shillings take your Choice.
Sometimes true Whigs have given Twenty,
But Tories think that Five is plenty."

One of the plates with which it is adorned is a crude woodcut of Captain James Mugford of Marblehead, and a footnote contains an account of his capture of a British store-ship on May 17th, 1776.

From the Haverhill Public Library, through the co-operation of Mr. John G. Moulton, the Librarian, we have received 342 additions to our Haverhill and Bradford imprints, including town and school reports, directories, church manuals, etc.

From Mrs. Robert Saltonstall of Readville, a collection of maps, including 17 rolled and 80 folded maps, 1 bound volume, and 2 large globes with stands.

From Mrs. David P. Coffin, the "Whole Booke of Psalmes collected into English meeter by Thomas Sternhold, John Hopkins and others: with apt Notes to sing them withall," published in London, 1614. This is a perfect copy, in fine condition and finely bound in blue half morocco.

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Mr. George Francis Dow has made large additions to the Caricature Collection which he presented to the Institute last year, buying new books as published and filling up sets of periodicals as opportunity offered. About 300 volumes, which include many interesting cartoons relating to the European war, have been given the past year, and the collection now contains a practically complete set of Life, Puck, and Judge, many of which were purchased unbound, 100 volumes having been completed and bound by Mr. Dow during the year.

Thanks are due as in former years to Messrs. Lawrence W. Jenkins, Willis H. Ropes, Hugh F. E. Farrell, and Harry Webber, for their continued interest in the library and frequent donations to its collections, and to the Salem Public Library and the Salem Fraternity for files of Salem newspapers.

The fund available for the purchase of books has been expended under the direction of the Book Committee along the usual lines,—in strengthening the special collections and building up the genealogy and local history, and special efforts have been made to secure books to facilitate the study of English ancestry. Of these 259 volumes of English parish registers, visitations, etc., were purchased at the auction sale of the libraries of the late Henry Fitz-Gilbert Waters and the late J. Henry Lea, both well known experts in English research. This lot included 60 volumes of the London Parish Register Society, a set of the Index Library, and 106 volumes of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts. Also extracts from English records compiled by J. Henry Lea as follows: 15 folio volumes containing copies of wills from the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, the Commissary Court of London, etc.; 87 notebooks containing transcripts from wills, parish registers, visitations, etc., and about 2500 cards indexing the names in these transcripts. These, together with the Waters-Withington abstracts, which were purchased in London last year, comprise the largest collection of English genealogical manuscripts in the country.

The Waters-Withington manuscripts, which were fully

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described in the report a year ago, have been carefully worked over under the supervision of Mr. Henry W. Belknap. About 14,000 typewritten wills, arranged by family,—the Act Books of Essex, Colchester, Norwich, etc.,—and the Close Rolls of Elizabeth, James I and Charles I have been bound, and the typewritten Parish Registers, the Chancery Proceedings, and the Court Records are ready for binding. The remainder of the wills, the calendars of the wills, and the Parish Registers have been arranged in vertical files, and the large mass of correspondence has been alphabetically arranged in letter files. Any of the bound volumes may be consulted upon application in the library, but the unbound portion, which might be disarranged by handling, is only available through one of the members of the staff who is familiar with the collection.

Donations have been made to the manuscript collection by 31 persons, and among them may be mentioned the following: From the estate of Miss Louise Tracy of New Haven, Conn., a professional genealogist, 174 note-books containing the results of her researches for a number of years; from Mrs. Augustus A. Galloupe of Beverly, a box of manuscripts, including copies of Beverly church records, cemetery inscriptions, and notes relating to Beverly families collected by the late Augustus A. Galloupe; from Mrs. Mary J. Low of Belfast, Me., over 2000 pieces of correspondence of the Hon. Nathan Read, the inventor; from Mr. Hugh F. E. Farrell, a journal kept by Byron Gilman of Lynn, from 1861 to 1864, interleaved with programs, photographs, etc., giving an account day by day of incidents connected with the departure of the first Lynn company for the war; from Dr. Samuel A. Green of Boston, a manuscript notebook kept by the Rev. John Fiske, the first minister of Wenham and Chelmsford. Seven log books have been added to the collection, four of which are whaling voyages, three from Salem, and one, the ship Lemuel C. Richmond, from Bristol, R. I., to the South Pacific and return, 1834 to 1837. The last must have been a very profitable voyage judging by the number of whales pictured in it.

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The appropriation for binding has been used in binding current historical magazines and files of Salem and Essex County newspapers, and in repairing worn volumes from the genealogy and local history.

The classification and cataloging has progressed normally, all current additions to classes already cataloged being completed to date.

The purchase of printed cards from the Library of Congress and the American Library Association has been continued so far as practicable, and 8483 cards have been purchased at a cost of $72.15.

The attendance in the library has been about the same as last year, but it is much less than it should be. The reading room for members is quiet and attractive, and many more should form the habit of spending an occasional half hour there, keeping in touch with the current periodicals. Members have the privilege of borrowing books, and several of the magazines are available for home use as soon as received. Members' privileges in the library may be transferred to a friend by use of guest cards, which are issued for limited periods. The use of the books for study and reference is not restricted to members, and anyone making researches is welcomed and assisted.

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Treasurer's Report to May 1, 1917.

Balance from last Report			$1,851 85
Income General Fund	$5,953 75		
Less Miscellaneous Charges	16 00		
		$5,937 75	
Income Permanent Fund		6,104 33	
Income Temporary Funds		440 79	
Assessment of Members		1,512 00	
			13,994 87
Sales of Publications, etc			2,226 11
Income Very House Memorial	$225 00		
Less Repairs and Expenses	189 59		
			35 41
Transfer from Rare Book Fund for Waters-Withington MSS			165 05
Contribution from Ogden Codman for Publication of Codman Vital Records			402 42
Contribution from Samuel A. Green, M. D., for Publication of Fiske Note Book			150 00
Contribution from Miss Stokes for Binding of Waters-Withington MSS.			25 00
			$18,850 71

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries	$5,847 60	
Extra Labor	403 44	
Fuel	613 55	
Light and Water	89 47	
Postage and Express	409 26	
Supplies and Printing	363 31	
Furniture and Fixtures	200 78	
Library, Periodicals, etc	1,044 18	
China Library	103 01	
Repairs	188 88	
Publications	1,093 98	
Insurance (Current)	10 19	
Binding	524 58	
Annual Meeting	54 08	
Lectures	359 48	
Museum Objects	350 91	
Natural History and Horticulture	15 05	
		$11,676 75
Court Records	750 31	
Visitor's Guide	611 03	
Codman Vital Records	377 23	
Probate Records	702 63	
Fiske Note Book	44 95	
Waters-Withington MS. Coll	164 85	
		2,651 00
Transfer to Temporary Funds (Insurance Fund)		400 00
Income Funded:		
Rare Book Fund	32 22	
Mack Medical Library Fund	52 52	
Witch Hill Monument Fund	04	
China Library Room Fund	21 94	
John James Currier Fund	1 81	
Mary Mason Brooks Fund	1 00	
Books for Medical Library	310 81	
Very Burial Lot	503 48	
		923 82
Balance of Cash—Secretary	17 47	
Treasurer	3,181 67	
		3,199 14
		$18,850 71

The Funds invested for Income are $204,624 11
Of the market value of 212,605 34

Respectfully submitted,

William O. Chapman,

Salem, May 1, 1917. *Treasurer.*

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BEQUESTS AND GIFTS INVESTED AS THE "PERMANENT FUND."

Income only to be used for the purposes designated.

1848	Original Account, for "general purposes,"	$500 00
1848	Essex Historical Society Fund, for "historical purposes,"	700 00
1848	Essex County Natural Hstory Fund, for "natural history or horticulture," .	700 00
1848	Life Membership Fund, for "general purposes,"	2,550 00
1870	Charles Davis bequest, for "general purposes,"	5,000 00
1878	Caroline R. Derby bequest, for care of Derby tomb and "general purposes," .	500 00
1882	Augustus Story bequest, for "purchase, preservation and publication of historical material, proceedings and memoirs," .	10,000 00
1882	Robert Peele and Elizabeth A. Peele bequests, for "general purposes," . .	2,120 00
1885	Martha G. Wheatland bequest, "for purchase of books for the library," . .	10,800 00
1889	James A. Emmerton bequest, to "support Historical Collections," . . .	10,000 00
1890	Nancy D. Cole bequest, "Ichabod Tucker Fund" for "Historical Department and the purchase of books and binding," .	5,000 00
1890	Nancy D. Cole bequest, "Thomas Cole Fund" for "purchase of books and apparatus for the microscopical department and for the library," . . .	5,000 00
1895	William Mack, M. D. bequest, for "purchase of rare and expensive works of merit in medicine and surgery," . .	1,892 79
1899	Salem Lyceum Fund, to "support free lectures,"	3,000 00

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1901	Harriet P. Fowler bequest, for "salary of an assistant librarian who shall have charge of the donations" made by Miss Fowler, ...	3,000 00
1901	Elizabeth C. Ward bequest, for "purchase of books and pictures relating to China and the Chinese,"	9,000 00
1902	Lydia A. Very bequest, "Burial Lot," for care of Very family burial lot," . .	3,571 05
1902	Lydia A. Very bequest, "Very House Memorial," for a "memorial of my brothers, Jones Very and Washington Very," .	3,200 00
1909	Frederick Lamson bequest, for "purchase of objects for the museum illustrating early New England life and customs,"	1,000 00
1915	Harriet Rose Lee Fund, "Income to be used for general purposes," . . .	2,000 00
1917	Pierce-Nichols House Memorial, 80 Federal Street, Salem, ...	10,500.00
——	Permanent Fund, Miscellaneous, for "general purposes,"	10,738 39
		$100,772.33

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BEQUESTS AND GIFTS INVESTED AS THE "GENERAL FUND."

Both principal and interest are available for any purpose.

1875	Abby W. Ditmore bequest, for "general purposes,"	$3,100 00
1876	Ladies' Fair donation, for "general purposes,"	1,142 86
1879	William B. Howes bequest, for "general purposes,"	25,000 00
1885	Esther C. Mack bequest, for "general purposes,"	4,000 00
1886	General Subscription, for repairs and improvement of Essex Institute Building,	14,370 69
1898	George Plumer Smith bequest, for "genal purposes,"	4,770 00
1898	George L. Ames bequest, for "general purposes,"	96,785 28
1900	Elizabeth Wheatland bequest, for "general literary and scientific uses," . .	3,698 16
1900	J. Henry Stickney bequest, for "general purposes,"	1,000 00
1900	Walter Scott Dickson bequest, for "general purposes,"	25,588 08
1901	Elizabeth C. Ward bequest, for "general purposes,"	6,973 22
1902	William J. Cheever bequest, "in memory of Charles G. Cheever," for "general purposes,"	20,000 00
1903	Susan S. Kimball bequest, for "general purposes,"	1,000 00
1905	An Anonymous Donor, for "general purposes,"	810 00
1909	General Charles L. Pierson donation, for "general purposes,"	100 00

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1913	Abigail O. and Mary E. Williams bequest, for "general purposes,"	500 00
——	General Fund, Miscellaneous, for "general purposes,"	29,391 66
		$238,229 95

BEQUESTS AND GIFTS INVESTED AS "TEMPORARY FUNDS."

Witch Hill Monument Fund, ...	$1 88
Manuscript Preservation Donation, ...	1,000 00
China Library Room Fund, ...	565 77
Rare Book Fund, ...	161 38
Insurance Fund, ...	6,260 19
Accumulated Income from William Mack, M. D., bequest, ...	1,586 89
John James Currier Book Fund, ...	63 56
Mary Mason Brooks Fund, ...	51 00
Pierce-Nichols House Preservation Fund, . .	8,150 00
	$17,840 67

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INVESTMENTS OF THE ESSEX INSTITUTE.

PERMANENT FUND.

This Fund contains bequests the income of which only is available for specific purposes.

	Book Value
5 Shares Webster & Atlas National Bank,	$577 50
30 Shares National Shawmut Bank,	4,562 31
46 Shares American Telephone & Telegraph Co.,	6,099 85
1 Share Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Preferred,	72 60
2 Shares Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Common,	143 75
11 Shares Boston & Maine Railroad, Common,	2,045 67
33 Shares Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway. Preferred,	3,943 50
17 Shares Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, Common,	1,621 64
17 Shares Chicago & Northwestern Railway, Preferred,	2,570 50
37 Shares Chicago & Northwestern Railway, Common,	4,354 26
20 Shares Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway,	2,115 00
25 Shares H. B. Claflin Co., First Preferred Stock,	2,450 00
10 Shares Devonshire Building Trust,	1,010 00
72 Shares Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston,	10,367 75
2 Shares Lowell Bleachery,	100 00
36 Shares Massachusetts Electric Co.'s, Preferred 15 Shares Massachusetts Electric Co.'s, Common,	3,202 90
60 Shares New York Central & Hudson River Railroad,	6,760 20
84 Shares Pepperell Manufacturing Co.,	4,540 00
60 Shares Union Pacific Railroad, Preferred,	3,597 88
12 Shares Union Pacific Railroad, Common,	783 87
10 Shares United Electric Securities Co., Preferred,	1,000 00
$2000 American Telephone & Telegraph Co. Coll. Trust, 4s, 1929,	1,980 00

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$1000 Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, Prior Lien 3 1-2s, 1925,	952 50
$1000 Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. Convertible 4 1-2s, due June 1, 1932,	1,000.00
$2000 Interborough Rapid Transit Co. First Mortgage 5s, 1966,	2,000 00
$5000 Northern Pacific Railway, Prior Lien gold 4s, 1997,	5,000 00
$1000 United Traction & Electric Co. of Providence & Pawtucket, 5s, 1933,	1,000 00
$1000 Western Electric Co. First Mortgage 5s, Dec. 31, 1922, optional after 1911,	996 25
$2000 Western Telephone & Telegraph Co. Coll. Trust 5s, 1932,	2,000 00
$3000 United Electric Securities Co., 30th series, Coll. Trust 5s, 1939,	3,000 00
$1000 United Electric Securities Co., 35th series, Coll. Trust 5s, 1942,	1,000 00
Salem Savings Bank,	3,930 61
"Pierce-Nichols House," 80 Federal St., City valuation (1917), house, $5,300, barn and shed, $200; 21,011 ft. land, $5,000,	10,500 00
"Very House Memorial," 154 Federal St. City valuation (1905), house, $1,200; 11,375 ft. land, $2,000,	3,200 00
"Ship Rock," Peabody, and about 2 1-2 acres,	200 00
Uninvested cash,	2,093 69
	$100,772 23

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GENERAL FUND.

This Fund is available, both principal and income, for any purpose.

	Book Value
25 Shares Asiatic National Bank, Salem (in liquidation, 160% paid),	0 00
2 Shares First National Bank, Salem (in liquidation, 70% paid),	0 00
35 Shares Merchants National Bank, Salem,	$2,297 25
10 Shares Naumkeag Trust Co., Salem,	1,350 00
48 Shares Boston Elevated Railway,	6,697 50
12 Shares Great Falls Manufacturing Co.,	1,932 00
30 Shares Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co.,	2,305 00
5 Shares New York, New Haven & Hartford R. R.,	1,073 75
99 Shares Pennsylvania Railway Co.,	6,186 25
2 Shares Proprietors of the South Buildings,	80 00
16 Shares Pullman Company,	2,629 00
1 1-2 Shares Salmon Falls Manufacturing Co.,	190 00
25 Shares United States Steel Corporation, Preferred,	1,840 00
118 Shares Union Stock Yards Co. of Omaha,	11,563 00
$7000 Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, General Mortgage, 4s, 1995,	6,734 30
$5000 Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, First Mortgage, gold, 4s, 1948,	5,000 00
$2000 Clinton (Iowa) Water Works Co. 5s, 1939,	2,000 00
$2000 Cumberland Telephone Co., First and General Mortgage 5s, 1937,	2,000 00
$4,000 Iowa Central Railroad, First Mortgage, 5s, 1938,	4,000 00
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SALEM, April 23, 1917.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ESSEX INSTITUTE:

Your Finance Committee has examined the securities and accounts in the hands of the Treasurer, as provided for in the By-Laws. The books appear to be carefully kept and the expenditures properly vouched. The securities examined were according to the books submitted by the Treasurer. The annual report of the Treasurer has been examined by an auditor employed by the Committee and is hereby certified to be correct.

WILLIAM C. ENDICOTT,
GEORGE H. ALLEN,
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For the Finance Committee.

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William P. Andrews of Capri, Italy, was elected a member July 27, 1870, and died Sept. 22, 1916.

Rev. DeWitt S. Clark, D. D., of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Mar. 3, 1879, and died July 27, 1916.

David P. Coffin of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Jan. 6, 1913, and died Sept. 8, 1916.

Mrs. Sarah R. Dexter of Boston, Mass., was elected a member Sept. 17, 1894, and died Jan. 6, 1916.

Mrs. Susan B. Farrington of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Mar. 21, 1892, and died May 30, 1916.

Rev. James P. Franks of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Nov. 17, 1873, and died Mar. 25, 1917.

Miss Mary Osgood Hodges of Topsfield, Mass., was elected a member Dec. 19, 1870, and died June 8, 1916.

Mrs. Arthur Kemble of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Feb. 20, 1899, and died Dec. 30, 1916.

N. Allen Lindsey of Marblehead, Mass., was elected a member Nov. 2, 1903, and died July 1, 1916.

Hon. Seth Low of Bedford Hills, N. Y., was elected a member June 4, 1894, and died Sept. 17, 1916.

Mrs. Thomas H. Johnson of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Feb. 21, 1898, and died Nov. 1, 1914.

Alonzo H. Smith of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Sept. 4, 1894, and died Aug. 21, 1916.

McDonald E. White of Salem, Mass., was elected a member June 18, 1895, and died Oct. 12, 1916.

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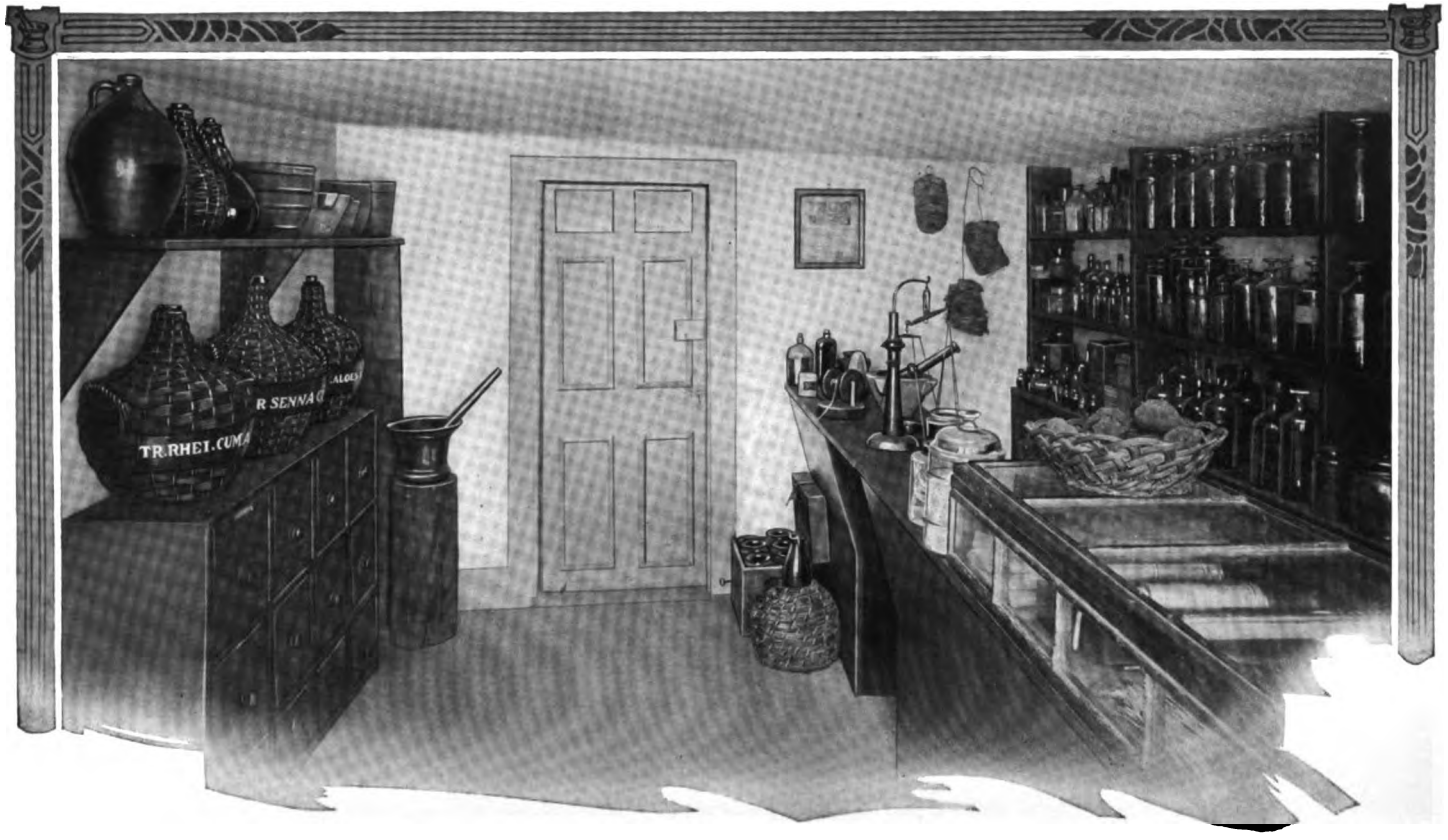

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Barton, J. Webb, Danvers. Engraved copper plate for printing pill box labels for Gardner Barton.

Benjamin, Mrs. Charles. Bouquet holder said to have been carried by Marie Antoinette, Spanish tiles, Confederate currency, coins.

Brooks, The Misses. Cone wreath.

Brown, Miss Lillian F. Toys, foot stove, shells, etc.

Burgess, John E., Boston. Photographs, sextant, block from cornice of steeple of East Church, Salem.

Burgess, W. Starling, Marblehead. Cannon ball found on Gooseberry island, Salem harbor.

Buxton, Mrs. Henry A., Peabody. Shoemaker's bench and tools, surveyor's chain, seed sower, needlework picture, fireboard, table, hand-woven fabrics, bread toaster, etc.

Carleton, Miss Mary L. Sunshade.

Carroll, Mrs. Charles. Wall paper from Cook-Oliver house.

Carroll, William, Peabody. Photograph.

Caves, Mrs. Helen C., Wenham. Silver bowed spectacles.

Chandler, C. A., Swampscott. Footstove, painted tin utensils.

Clay, Sergt. William H. Model of a schooner made in Salem jail.

Coffin, Mrs. David P. Medals, drawing instruments, infant's clothing, photographs, account books.

Colby, William R. Colts' revolver and holster.

Cousins, Frank. Photograph, Nichols house.

Dodge, Charles C. Glass pitcher made at Sandwich (1883).

Duren, Mrs. Charles M. Costumes, slippers, straw splitter, playing cards, shaving case, fans, card cases.

Eaton, Mrs. W. R., Cambridge. Rogers group.

Emilio, Capt. Luis F. Civil War and Revolutionary War relics, church key from Paris, militia hat plate (1825).

Endicott, Miss Anna Gower. Gold mounted coral jewelry (1825).

Endicott, William C., Boston. Photograph and engraving.

Felt, John P. First "Pequot sheeting" woven after the Salem fire.

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Fessenden, Miss Anna. Cupping instrument.

Gardner, George Peabody, jr., Chestnut Hill. Marble statue,—"Marguerite," by W. W. Story, with pedestal.

Gauss, Hon. John D. H. Stereotype block for printing directions for playing the game "Mansion of Happiness."

Glover, G. H. Coins and medals.

Goldsmith, G. W. Cast iron stove plate.

Gray, Miss Katharine M. Pressed glass cup plate.

Gross, Mrs. M. P. Child's hoop skirt.

Harlow, Arthur F., Boston. Photographs.

Haskell, Mrs. A. J., Estate of, Brookline. Samplers.

Heagney, Frank M. Grape shot from excavation in Hawthorne Place (1917).

Hills, Mrs. Francis Lowell, Marblehead. Framed engraved portrait of Rev. Ichabod Nichols.

Jelly, William M. Civil War uniform buttons.

Jenkins, Lawrence W. Pressed glass cup plates, photographic negatives, bandboxes, silver buckles and chains for suspenders, razor strops, razors.

Jones, Gardner M. Game, masonic badges.

Jones, Mrs. Gardner M. Games, child's parasols, doll.

King, Mrs. J. A., Peabody. Pressed glass cup plate.

Knight, Mrs. E. F. Velocipede used about 1870.

Knight, Mrs. Sarah C. Pewter castor, shell combs, patchwork.

Knight, Miss Sarah E. Samplers, wall paper, bead work, fancy boxes, toys, etc.

Lander, Miss Louisa, Washington, D. C. Shell cameos, basket.

Larkin, Charles D., Georgetown. 25c. Civil War script.

Lee, Mrs. Francis H. Games, photographs, relics and souvenirs, fractional currency, military buttons, medals and coins, political badges, campaign buttons.

Loring, Mrs. George B., Richfield Springs, N. Y. Crayon portrait of Gen. George B. Loring.

Marden, Miss Mary E. Trays and boxes for the "cent shop."

Martin, Miss Caroline. Staffordshire plates, oval box.

Morse, Carl F. A. Photograph.

Nash, George W., M. D. Iron door hinges from Dutch buildings at Hurley, N. Y.

Oliver, Henry K., M. D., Boston. Commission of Henry K. Oliver as Adjutant General of Mass., passport in 1855.

Paull, Miss Florence V., Boston. Patchwork quilts.

Peabody Museum. Portrait of Mrs. A. Brown(?) by Henry C. Pratt, pane of glass (1825), fire buckets, pottery, reel for hand loom.

Peck, Mrs. W. F., Danvers. Uniform worn by Col. Peck while commanding the Salem Cadets.

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Perkins, Thomas, Danvers. Playing cards (1862).
Pickering, Miss Mary. Camera obscura, baskets, costume.
Pitkin, Albert H., Hartford, Conn. Glass jars from apothecary shop at Hebron, Conn., about 1830.
Pray, Mrs. Eliza F., Peabody. Painted tinware, sugar bowl.
Price, Joseph. Panoramic view of Salem.
Putnam, Mrs. George W., North Reading. Staffordshire cup plate.
Rankine, Mrs. M. F., Boston. Rogers group.
Robinson, John. Escutcheons and drawer pulls, 17th century, photographic negatives.
Ropes, Col. Charles F. Badge.
Ropes, Miss Phebe, Danvers. Pressed glass cup plate.
Ropes, Willis H. Games, pressed glass, night lamp, toys, bottles, games, fancy boxes, curling tongs, Staffordshire ware, bandbox, photographs, baskets, skewers, door latch, lanterns, handcuffs.
Ropes, Mrs. Willis H., Danvers. Feather fan, scent bottle, glass vases, Canton ware, stocking knitted in 1810, lamps, baskets, lustre ware, Bohemian glass fruit dish.
Sargent, Mrs. Anna A. Pressed glass cup plates.
Saunders, Miss Mary T. Old time visiting cards.
Sawyer, Fred E. Replica of Edison's first incandescent lamp.
Silsbee, Miss Elizabeth. Patchwork table mat, fan.
Smart, Mrs. Charles H., Peabody. Printed cotton, fancy boxes, Jew's harp (1860).
Smiley, Miss M. S., Brookline. Pewter sundial brought from Ireland before 1800, wooden canteen.
Snow, The Misses. Cup plates.
Southworth, Mrs. K. L., Peabody. Pepper shaker, snuff box, jogging wheel, palm leaf splitter, toy glass mug.
Stickney, Walter J. Photographs.
Stone, Miss Catherine D. Wrought iron chest hinges.
Sturgis, Benjamin F., M. D. Toy soldier.
Trask, Miss M. Alice, Danvers. Sickle.
Upton, Jesse F. Iron cane.
Very, Nathaniel T. Tower musket, fireman's staff, small trunk.
Webster, William C., Rockport. Staffordshire double-boiler.
Whipple, Miss Marion C., Campello. Bohemian glass tray and decanter.
Wilkins, Joseph. Cast iron fireback brought from Ipswich, marked "I[srael] B[aker] 1722."
Wilkins, Miss H. Isabella. Powder and shot pouches, desk used in Lydia L. A. Very's private school.
Williams, Stillman P., Winchester. Toy cradle from Sally Bacon's shop.
Willson, Mrs. Robert W., Cambridge. Pressed glass cup plate.

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ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

The Secretary, the Treasurer and the Librarian make such detailed reports each year that I can add little to what these contain.

A fireproof exhibition building has been built in the yard and is now open, where we are able to exhibit the cast of Saul by William Wetmore Story; the groups by John Rogers; carriages, sleighs, models, boxes, baskets, iron stoves, and a class of exhibits which show now to advantage for the first time, and which furnishes available space in the large hall for other exhibition purposes.

The picture gallery has been rehung with portraits alone. The lower hall with portraits of the Mayors of Salem, and the staircases and upper hall with landscapes and other pictures. As far as has been possible we have hung portraits of Presidents, Governors, statesmen and ministers together, and the Forrester, Story and Curwen family portraits are hung in groups. The pictures are in process of being varnished, and some of them will be restored by competent people.

The necessary repairs have been made on the Pierce-Johonnot-Nichols House. The outside of the house has been repaired and painted, and several of the rooms therein have been painted and papered, which work has been well done, thanks to the efforts of Mr. Stephen W. Phillips. I stated in my report last year that, in order to save this house, only eighteen contributors toward the fund came from Salem, and the sum of $3,910 was raised from them —a comparatively small amount when one considers that over $20,000 was raised. Our endowment Fund is $8,000, but I shall never feel satisfied until that fund is at least $10,000. The possession of this house adds great distinction to the Institute, and the people should not fail to show their appreciation of what it means to the city—

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particularly when one considers that it is an Historical Monument for all time of which any place should be proud.

Our income is insufficient for a Museum of this standing. We can run along in a cramped way without difficulty, unless some unusual repairs or expenses have to be incurred. In one sense, these are never unusual. Recently we have been compelled to shingle, with fireproof shingles, the Ward House. The walls of the Museum Building are in need of paint, and in the building and grounds other work should be done. Our work in many ways is hampered. Thousands of manuscripts are lying in the fireproof building—unavailable, because unsorted and uncatalogued. A great accumulation of printed matter is each year thrown in heaps, instead of being placed on shelves, from lack of people to care for it. The Library should be cleared of much useless material, and the books arranged in such a way as to be more available for examination by our members.

Our employees are underpaid, and as soon as it is possible to do so, they should be compensated for faithful work, largely done through a keen interest in the Institute and an unselfish desire to develop its resources.

I cannot urge too strongly the necessity and wisdom of increasing our membership, now 578 in all. If every member of the Institute present will propose the name of a new member, it will not only add to our financial resources, but it will increase the interest in the Institute. Do not confine your members to Salem, or Essex County, or even the State, but try and obtain new members from outside.

Mr. George Francis Dow, the Secretary of the Essex Institute for a number of years, resigned in February. When he entered upon his duties, the Institute was comparatively small and little known outside this immediate neighborhood. Now the Institute—of which we are all proud—ranks high here and abroad, with any of the Museums devoted to the same purposes. As far as I know, it was the first Museum in this country to exhibit its collections in rooms especially fitted for that purpose, and we may well take pride in the fact that the Essex Institute, as well as the Peabody Museum, have set a high

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standard of competence in their management, and of unusual appreciation of the best methods of exhibiting and cataloging their many treasures which people from all parts of the country are glad to come to Salem to study.

In these strenuous and trying times it is hard and impossible to create anything new, except what is necessary in connection with the war, but hospitals and many institutions which are a part of our daily life must be supported, not only for ourselves, but for the future happiness of the men who are now giving their lives and all they have and are for the country.

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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

The membership of the Essex Institute on April 30, 1918, was 578 in number, consisting of 510 active members, 26 life members, and 42 on the corresponding list. This is a loss of 11 members over the previous year. During the year 21 active members have been elected and accepted membership, while 20 have withdrawn and 12 have died. Among the last were:

Dr. J. L. Bellefleur.
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The attendance in the museum has been nearly 6,000 less than last year. This may be accounted for in part by the closing of the Museum during the winter months for the conservation of coal. The largest attendance on any one day was on Sunday, December 9, 1917, when 434 persons visited the picture gallery between two and five o'clock.

Attendance	Week-days	Sundays	Holidays
May, 1917	548	803	224
June	713	506	146
July	1155	431	146

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Attendance	Week-days	Sundays	Holidays
August	2088	441	...
September	1370	954	237
October	803	891	328
November	478	1027	127
December	236	1377	146
January, 1918	15	1009	...
February	58	888	118
March	140	1118	...
April	493	743	114

Weekdays	8,097
Sundays	10,188
Holidays	1,586
Total	19,871

The public lectures, as usual, have been given in Academy Hall, the Trustees of the Peabody Museum co-operating with the Institute. Seven lectures were given in the Free Course, of which five were illustrated. Six evenings were occupied by the Home Course, of which two were illustrated.

Owing to some undeterminel cause, perhaps the prevalence of war work, or it may be, as has been hinted, the absence of refreshments to conform to the demands of food-conservation, attendance, especially in the Home Course, has been very small. To this general rule there have been two very marked exceptions, namely, the last lecture but one in the Free Course, when Mr. Charles E. Moulton of Lynn gave his "Imitations of the Songs of Some of Our Familiar Birds." On this occasion standing room was at a premium, which was the more remarkable since it was Mr. Moulton's first appearance upon any lecture platform. If one may be pardoned the bull, his lecture was a concert, and his reproduction of the bird calls without the aid of any instrument was extraordinarily faithful. A charming stage setting of trees and stuffed birds had been arranged by the Salem Ornithological Club, and Mr. A. P. Morse read a paper to accompany the lantern slides in which the various birds were described.

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The second occasion upon which an overflowing house was secured was on the evening of the final lecture in the Home Course. Mrs. George W. Towne read a most enjoyable paper upon "Shawls," and although seats had been provided for 150 people, over 200 appeared, so that the hall was more than filled. This, in spite of the fact that a bare half-dozen had attended the previous lectures. It may be unkind to call attention to the fact that upon this occasion only refreshments were served, but truth compels it. Many of the most noteworthy shawls were exhibited to the audience, being worn by young ladies in costume, and the remainder of the large collection of over 300, loaned by scores of people in Salem and nearby towns, were displayed on the walls of the entrance hall.

The Free course was as follows:

Dec. 31, 1917. Rev. Abraham M. Rihbany of Boston—"Can Humanity Be Civilized?"

Jan. 14, 1918. Mr. Charles W. Furlong of Boston—"Across the Atlantic in a Shallop."

Jan. 28, 1918. Mr. Robert Cushman Murphy of the Brooklyn Museum—"The Way of the Sperm Whaler."

Feb. 11, 1918. Prof. Edward S. Morse of the Peabody Museum, Salem—"Experiences of a Collector."

Feb. 25, 1918. Mr. George H. Worthley of Brookline—"Argentina, Once a Colony of Spain, Now the Foremost South American Republic."

March 11, 1918. Mr. Charles E. Moulton of Lynn—"Imitations of the Songs of Some of Our Familiar Birds."

March 25, 1918. Mr. Marshall H. Saville, Director of the Museum of the American Indian, New York City—"Along the Coast and Through the Mountains of Ecuador."

The Home Course was as follows:

Jan. 7, 1918. Mr. Harlan P. Kelsey of Salem—"The Planning of a National Army Cantonment."

Jan. 21, 1918. Rev. Charles W. G. Lyon, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Salem—"Life in the Rocky Mountain Region."

Feb. 4, 1918. Mr. Lawrence V. Roth, of the State Normal School, Salem—"German Character and the War."

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Feb. 18, 1918. Mr. William S. Felton of Salem—"Political Parties in America."

Mar. 4, 1918. Mr. B. Holmes Wallace, of the State Normal School, Salem—"The World War and Education."

Mar. 18, 1918. Mrs. George W. Towne of Danvers—"Shawls."

The Reading Room has been used, as during the preceding year, by the Salem Hospital Alumnae Association, the Old Planters Society and the Salem Oratorio Society. The stereopticon has again been loaned to various schools or organizations, as have also the radiopticon and selections from the collection of postal cards.

During the summer a concrete, fireproof building of one story, lighted by three large skylights, was erected in the rear of the Museum building, and upon its completion most of the larger and coarser objects were arranged in its cases. This has proved to be a great relief to the overcrowded Museum and has permitted the display of many things for which no place has previously existed.

In January the present Secretary succeeded to the office, owing to the resignation of Mr. George Francis Dow, and considerable rearrangement, including the re-hanging of the entire collection of pictures, has since been accomplished, and through the generosity of the President most of the cost of this work, as well as the restoration of a number of pictures, have been taken care of at no cost to the Institute. It is hoped that an improvement in the appearance of the gallery has resulted.

The publications of the year include the current volume of the Historical Collections and the Annual Report. The sixth volume of the "Records and Files of the Quarterly Courts of Essex County" has been issued, and the seventh is in course of preparation. The second volume of the "Probate Records of Essex County" has been issued, and the third is in progress. The second volume of "Vital Records of Salem," containing the remainder of the births, has been completed, the vital records of Stoneham and Carlisle are completed, and it is probable that those of West Newbury will shortly be issued.

As the Legislature, by way of a war economy, has repealed the act under which the appropriation for this

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vital-record work has been carried on, no more of these volumes will be printed until after the war, when it is hoped that a re-enactment of the law may be secured, as about two-thirds of all the towns in the State have been covered.

In July the Directors authorized the preparation of a monograph on the work of Samuel McIntire, to which an introduction was to be written by Mr. Fiske Kimball, a gifted young architect, at present in Ann Arbor University, the illustrations to be reproduced from original drawings and plans in the possession of the Institute. This work is proceeding and Mr. Kimball is expending upon it the most painstaking care.

The Naumkeag Trust Co. of Salem have, as had the Asiatic National Bank before them, issued each year since 1903 a fine print in color of one of Salem's old-time ships, as part of a calendar, and as these created great interest, it was determined to issue the set, with some additional cuts and descriptive matter, in book form, under the imprint of the Institute. This has been duly carried out, and the book is meeting with a ready sale.

The work on Cemetery records for Mr. Ogden Codman, and that on the Fiske Note Book, for Dr. Samuel A. Green, is still being prosecuted, and the terribly illegible writing of the latter becomes but little easier to read even after a year's experience.

Several additions to our portrait collection have been received, such as one of Nathaniel Kinsman Allen, by the late J. Harvey Young, as a bequest of Miss Mary P. Allen of Portland, Maine, both Mr. Allen and Mr. Young having been Salem men; also one of Mr. Young painted by himself, which is shortly to be sent by his widow; and, from Mrs. William P. McMullan, a portrait of William McMullan by Osgood and a valuable antique rug. These are a part of a collection of carved Indian furniture, porcelains, oriental silver and fabrics which will soon be deposited and remain as a memorial to the late William P. McMullan.

Numerous other additions to the Museum have been made, notably by Miss Elizabeth H. Clark of Boston,

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Mrs. Francis H. Lee of Salem, and, as usual, by the indefatigable Mr. Willis H. Ropes of Salem.

In closing it is a pleasure to acknowledge the willing and valuable co-operation I have had from every member of the Institute staff, who, notwithstanding the proverbial energy of a "new broom," have cheerfully assisted in disturbing the dust of ages, and sundry readjustments of routine have been accepted with alacrity. All of which has aided in simplifying and rendering easier a rather complicated position for a green hand.

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REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

The additions to the Library during the past year have been as follows:

	Volumes	Pamphlets	Series
By donation and exchange	934	2614	3083
By purchase	322	130	367
By subscription	...	...	598

Total of accessions, 1256 volumes and 6792 pamphlets and serials.

The gifts to the Library have included a large number of Essex County imprints, including over a hundred reports of Haverhill and Bradford schools and societies, from the estate of Miss Caroline Duncan, and from the Haverhill Public Library a large number of Haverhill pamphlets needed in our files. From Mr. Ernest W. Bowditch of Boston a collection of maps of Massachusetts counties and towns. Mr. Stephen W. Phillips has completed the set of reports of the Hawaiian Historical Society and had them bound in the Hawaiian national colors. Through the courtesy of Harvard College Library the Institute copy of Thomas Maule's "Truth Held Forth and Maintained," has been completed with photostat copies of the title page and pages one and two of the text.

Donations have been made to the manuscript collection by twenty-six persons, and among them may be mentioned the following:

From Mrs. Francis H. Lee a large number of letters written by Francis H. Lee during the Civil War, giving interesting descriptions of conditions in the South; from Mrs. Frederick L. Gay, a volume of typewritten manuscript extracts from the Boston News Letter, Boston Gazette, New England Courant, and American Weekly Mercury, from 1721 to 1726, relating to pirates, especially Low, Lowther and Spriggs; from Miss Elizabeth H. Clark

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of Boston a bundle of manuscript sermons of Dr. William Bentley and Crowninshield family papers; from Mr. John Griffin the records and accounts of the William Penn Hose Company of Salem; from Mr. Charles Nutt of Worcester, the records and orderly books of the First Regiment of Heavy Artillery; and by purchase, the account books of Samuel Mulliken, a clockmaker of Newburyport and Salem from 1783 to 1791; manuscripts relating to the organization of the Lynn Library Association, and a volume of toll receipts of Essex (or Beverly) Bridge from 1803 to 1810.

The log book collection has received twenty-six additions, among which are the logs of the Tyranides, 1777-1778, and the General Pickering, 1778-1779. From Mr. William C. Waters, logs of the Louisa 1806, Camel 1815, and other ships, account books and several boxes of miscellaneous manuscripts; and from Mr. Thomas Perkins shipping papers and accounts.

Thanks are due, as in former years, to Messrs. Lawrence W. Jenkins, Willis H. Ropes, Sidney Perley, Hugh F. E. Farrell and Harry E. Webber for their continued interest in the Library and frequent donations to its collections, and to the Salem Public Library and the Salem Fraternity for files of Salem newspapers.

The fund available for the purchase of books has been expended under the direction of the Book Committee along the usual lines—in strengthening the special collections. The publications of the British Record Society and the Registers and Visitations of the Harleian Society have been completed to date, and the Library has become a subscribing member to receive future volumes as issued.

The newspaper collections have been enriched by the purchase of 34 volumes of Haverhill Evening Bulletin and 57 Boston newspapers published before 1800 have been secured by exchange.

During the past year unusual opportunities have offered for the collection of material for future historians. Patriotic posters and handbills of all kinds, including Enlistment, Liberty Loan, Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., Food Conservation, War Thrift Stamps, War Gardens, etc., have been gathered from every available source, and the collec-

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tion now numbers 275 pieces, exclusive of duplicates. Mr. Harry E. Webber presented his collection of war posters, numbering 273 pieces, and a special exhibition of these was made during the winter.

The routine work of the Library has been carried on as usual, and various improvements of lighting and arrangement of the books have been made.

It is a matter of much regret that the members do not avail themselves to a greater extent of the privileges offered by the Institute and its rich collections.

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TREASURER'S REPORT TO MAY 1, 1918.

Balance from last Report			$3,199 14
Income General Fund	$5,730 78		
Less Miscellaneous Charges			
		$5,714 78	
Income Permanent Fund		5,095 41	
Income Temporary Funds		456 72	
Assessment of Members		1,443 00	
			12,709 91
Sales of Publications, etc.			1,808 64
Income Very House Memorial	225 00		
Less Repairs and Expenses	121 59		
			103 41
Contribution from Ogden Codman for Publication of Codman Vital Records			100 00
Contribution from Samuel A. Green, M. D., for Publication of Fiske Note Book			150 00
Appropriation for Vital Records			5,000 00
Received from Committee on Restoration of Pierce-Nichols House			44 88
			$23,115 98

EXPENDITURES.

Furniture and Fixtures	$164 77	
Natural History and Horticulture	7 44	
Binding	372 70	
Annual Meeting	66 04	
Extra Labor	276 15	
Publications	960 00	
Salaries	5,936 41	
Museum Objects	128 51	
Library	1,127 02	
China Library	206 50	
Repairs	495 52	
Postage and Express	343 70	
Supplies and Printing	243 84	
Fuel	466 16	
Light and Water	74 52	
Lectures	261 75	
Insurance (Current)	241 20	
		$11,382 23
Court Records	300 00	
Probate Records	770 96	
Fiske Note Book	138 25	
Codman Vital Records	380 30	
Vital Records	5,000 00	
		6,589 51
Museum Annex		4,386 02
Transfer to Temporary Funds (Insurance Fund)		400 00
Income Funded:		
Witch Hill Monument Fund	04	
Mary Mason Brooks Fund	2 06	
China Library Room Fund	22 84	
Rare Book Fund	6 91	
John James Currier Fund	2 61	
Mack Medical Library Fund	68 12	
		102 58
Balance of Cash—Secretary	27 02	
Treasurer	228 62	
		255 64
		$23,115 98

The Funds Invested for Income are..$197,892 14
Of the market value of..... 182,501 57

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM O. CHAPMAN,
Treasurer.

Salem, May 1, 1918.

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BEQUESTS AND GIFTS INVESTED AS THE "PERMANET FUND."

Income only to be used for the purposes designated.

1848	Original Account, for "general purposes"	$500 00
1848	Essex Historical Society Fund, for "historical purposes,"	700 00
1848	Essex County Natural History Fund, for "natural history or horticulture," . .	700 00
1848	Life Membership Fund, for "general purposes,"	2,550 00
1870	Charles Davis bequest, for "general purposes,"	5,000 00
1878	Caroline R. Derby bequest, for care of Derby tomb and "general purposes," .	500 00
1882	Augustus Story bequest, for "purchase, preservation and publication of historical material, proceedings and memoirs," .	10,000 00
1882	Robert Peele and Elizabeth A. Peele bequests, for "general purposes," . .	2,120 00
1885	Martha G. Wheatland bequest, "for purchase of books for the library," . .	10,800 00
1889	James A. Emmerton bequest, to "support Historical Collections,"	10,000 00
1890	Nancy D. Cole bequest, "Ichabod Tucker Fund" for "Historical Department and the purchase of books and binding," .	5,000 00
1890	Nancy D. Cole bequest, "Thomas Cole Fund" for "purchase of books and apparatus for the microscopical department and for the library,"	5,000 00
1895	William Mack, M. D., bequest, for "purchase of rare and expensive works of merit in medicine and surgery," . .	1,892 79
1899	Salem Lyceum Fund, to "support free lectures,"	3,000 00

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1901	Harriet P. Fowler bequest, for "salary of an assistant librarian who shall have charge of the donations" made by Miss Fowler, ...	3,000 00
1901	Elizabeth C. Ward bequest, for "purchase of books and pictures relating to China and the Chinese,"	9,000 00
1902	Lydia A. Very bequest, "Burial Lot," for care of Very family burial lot," . .	3,571 05
1902	Lydia A. Very bequest, "Very House Memorial," for a "memorial of my brothers, Jones Very and Washington Very," .	3,200 00
1909	Frederick Lamson bequest, for "purchase of objects for the museum illustrating early New England life and customs," .	1,000 00
1915	Harriet Rose Lee Fund, "Income to be used for general purposes,"	2,000 00
1917	Pierce-Nichols House Memorial, 80 Federal Street, Salem, ...	10,500 00
——	Permanent Fund, Miscellaneous, for "general purposes,"	8,288 39
		$98,322 23

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BEQUESTS AND GIFTS INVESTED AS THE "GENERAL FUND."

Both principal and interest are available for any purpose.

1875	Abby W. Ditmore bequest, for "general purposes,"	$3,100 00
1876	Ladies' Fair donation, for "general purposes,"	1,142 86
1879	William B. Howes bequest, for "general purposes,"	25,000 00
1885	Esther C. Mack bequest, for "general purposes,"	4,000 00
1886	General subscription, for repairs and improvements of Essex Institute Building,	14,370 69
1898	George Plumer Smith bequest, for "general purposes,"	4,770 00
1898	George L. Ames bequest, for "general purposes,"	96,785 28
1900	Elizabeth Wheatland bequest, for "general literary and scientific uses," . . .	3,698 16
1900	J. Henry Stickney bequest, for "general purposes,"	1,000 00
1900	Walter Scott Dickson bequest, for "general purposes,"	25,588 08
1901	Elizabeth C. Ward bequest, for "general purposes,"	6,973 22
1902	William J. Cheever bequest, "in memory of Charles G. Cheever," for "general purposes,"	20,000 00
1903	Susan S. Kimball bequest, for "general purposes,"	1,000 00
1905	An Anonymous Donor, for "general purposes,"	810 00
1909	General Charles L. Pierson donation, for "general purposes,"	100 00

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1913	Abigail O. and Mary E. Williams bequest, for "general purposes,"	500 00
——	General Fund, miscellaneous, for "general purposes,"	24,393 66
——	Cash (over invested)	223 45
		$233,455 40

BEQUESTS AND GIFTS INVESTED AS "TEMPORARY FUNDS."

Witch Hill Monument Fund, ...	$1 92
Manuscript Preservation Donation, ...	1,000 00
China Library Room Fund, ...	588 61
Rare Book Fund, ...	168 29
Insurance Fund, ...	6,660 19
Accumulated Income from William Mack, M. D., bequest, ...	1,655 01
John James Currier Book Fund, ...	66 17
Mary Mason Brooks Fund, ...	53 06
Pierce-Nichols House Preservation Fund, . .	8,000 00
	$18,193 25

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INVESTMENTS OF THE ESSEX INSTITUTE.

PERMANENT FUND.

This Fund contains bequests the income of which only is available for specific purposes.

		Book Value
5	Shares Webster & Atlas National Bank,	$577 50
30	Shares National Shawmut Bank,	4,562 31
46	Shares American Telephone & Telegraph Co.,	6,099 85
1	Share Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Preferred,	72 60
2	Shares Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Common	143 75
11	Shares Boston & Maine Railroad, Common,	2,045 67
33	Shares Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, Preferred	3,943 50
17	Shares Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, Common,	1,621 64
17	Shares Chicago & Northwestern Railway, Preferred,	2,570 50
37	Shares Chicago & Northwestern Railway, Common,	4,354 26
20	Shares Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway,	2,515 00
10	Shares Devonshire Building Trust,	1,010 00
72	Shares Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston,	10,367 75
2	Shares Lowell Bleachery,	100 00
26	Shares Massachusetts Electric Co.'s Preferred	3,202 90
15	Shares Massachusetts Electric Co.'s Common	
60	Shares New York Central & Hudson River Railroad,	6,760 20
84	Shares Pepperell Manufacturing Co.	4,540 00
60	Shares Union Pacific Railroad, Preferred,	3,597 88
12	Shares Union Pacific Railroad, Common,	783 87
10	Shares United Electric Securities Co., Pref'd,	1,000 00
$2000	American Telephone & Telegraph Co. Coll. Trust, 4s, 1929,	1,980 00
$1000	Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, Prior Lien 3½s, 1925,	952 50

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		Book Value
$1000	Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. Convertible 4½s, due June 1, 1932, . .	1,000 00
$2000	Interborough Rapid Transit Co. First Mortgage 5s, 1966, ...	2,000 00
$5000	Northern Pacific Railway, Prior Lien Gold 4s, 1997, ...	5,000 00
$1000	United Traction & Electric Co. of Providence & Pawtucket, 5s, 1933, . . .	1,000 00
$1000	Western Electric Co. First Mortgage 5s, Dec. 31, 1922, optional after 1911, . .	996 25
$2000	Western Telephone & Telegraph Co. Coll. Trust 5s, 1932, ...	2,000 00
$3000	United Electric Securities Co., 30th series, Coll. Trust 5s, 1939, ...	3,000 00
$1000	United Electric Securities Co., 35th series, Coll. Trust 5s, 1942, ...	1,000 00
Salem Savings Bank, ...		3,930 61
"Pierce-Nichols House," 80 Federal Street, City valuation (1917), house $5,300, barn and shed $200; 21,011 ft. land $5,000 . .		10,500 00
"Very House Memorial," 154 Federal Street, City valuation (1905), house $1,200; 11,375 ft. land $2,000, ...		3,200 00
"Ship Rock," Peabody, and about 2½ acres, .		200 00
Uninvested cash, ...		1,693 69
		$98,322 23

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GENERAL FUND.

This Fund is available, both principal and income, for any purpose.

	Book Value
25 Shares Asiatic National Bank, Salem (in liquidation, 160% paid),	0 00
2 Shares First National Bank, Salem (in liquidation, 70% paid),	0 00
35 Shares Merchants National Bank, Salem,	$2,297 25
10 Shares Naumkeag Trust Co., Salem,	1,350 00
48 Shares Boston Elevated Railway,	6,697 50
12 Shares Great Falls Manufacturing Co.,	1,932 00
40 Shares Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co.,	3,305 00
5 Shares New York, New Haven & Hartford R. R.	1,073 75
99 Shares Pennsylvania Railway Co.	6,186 25
2 Shares Proprietors of the South Buildings,	80 00
16 Shares Pullman Company,	2,629 00
1½ Shares Salmon Falls Manufacturing Co.,	190 00
25 Shares United States Steel Corporation, Preferred,	1,840 00
118 Shares Union Stock Yards Co. of Omaha,	11,563 00
$7000 Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, General Mortgage, 4s, 1995,	6,734 30
$5000 Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, First Mortgage, gold, 4s, 1948,	5,000 00
$2000 Clinton (Iowa) Water Works Co. 5s, 1939,	2,000 00
$2000 Cumberland Telephone Co., First and General Mortgage 5s, 1937	2,000 00
$4000 Iowa Central Railroad, First Mortgage, 5s, 1938,	4,000 00
$3000 Long Island Railroad, Refunding 4s, 1949,	3,000 00
$10,000 Milwaukee, Sparta & No. Western R. R., First Mortgage, 4s, 1947,	9,400 00
$2000 New England Cotton Yarn Co., First Mortgage, gold, 5s, 1929,	2,000 00

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		Book Value
$5000	New England Telephone & Telegraph Co., 8th series, Debenture, 5s, 1919, . .	5,000 00
$2000	Northern Pacific, Gt. Northern Railroad, C., B. & Q. Coll. gold, 4s, 1921 (Registered), ...	2,000 00
$3000	Northern Pacific, Gt. Northern Railroad, C., B. & Q. Coll. gold, 4s, 1921 (Coupon),	3,000 00
$1000	United Electric Securities Co., 23rd series, Coll. Trust, gold, 5s, 1936, ...	1,000 00
$1000	United Electric Securities Co., 30th series, Coll. Trust, gold, 5s, 1939, ...	1,000 00
$6000	United Electric Securities Co., 32nd series, Coll. Trust, gold, 5s, 1940, ...	6,000 00
$2000	United Electric Securities Co., 35th series, Coll. Trust, gold, 5s, 1942, ...	2,000 00
$2000	Utah & Northern R. R., Consolidated Gold, 5s, 1926, ...	1,998 61
	Essex Institute Bldgs. and 40,786 ft. land, .	138,178 74
		$233,455 40

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TEMPORARY FUNDS.

		Book Value
Insurance Fund		
Salem Savings Bank, . .	$2,437 91	
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, .	1,273 85	
15 Shares United Fruit Co., . .	1,948 43	
$1,000 Oregon Short Line, First Consolidated Mortgage gold 5s, 1946	1,000 00	
		$6,660 19
Witch Hill Monument Fund		
Salem Savings Bank (interest added),		1 92
Donation for Manuscript Preservation		
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, .	6 25	
$1,000 American Telephone & Telegraph Co. Coll. Trust gold, 4s, 1929, ...	993 75	
		1,000 00
China Library Room Fund		
Salem Savings Bank (interest added),		588 61
Mack Bequest, Books for Medical Library, (Accumulated Interest)		
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank,		1,655 01
Rare Book Fund		
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank,		168 29
John James Currier Fund		
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank,		66 17
Mary Mason Brooks Fund		
Salem Savings Bank,		53 06
"Pierce-Nichols House" Preservation Fund,		
Cash,		8,000 00
		$18,193 25

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REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

SALEM, May 4, 1918.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ESSEX INSTITUTE:

Your Finance Committee has examined the securities and accounts in the hands of the Treasurer, as provided for in the By-Laws. The books appear to be carefully kept and the expenditures properly vouched. The securities examined were according to the books submitted by the Treasurer. The annual report of the Treasurer has been examined by an auditor employed by the Committee, and is hereby certified to be correct.

WILLIAM C. ENDICOTT,
GEORGE H. ALLEN,
LELAND B. COLE,
For the Finance Committee.

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NECROLOGY.

Dr. J. L. Bellefleur of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Aug. 3, 1914, and died Dec. 6, 1917.

Hon. Joseph H. Choate of New York, N. Y., was elected a member July 2, 1894, and died May 14, 1917.

Edward B. George of Haverhill, Mass., was elected a member Jan. 17, 1898, and died May 9, 1917.

Mrs. Albert P. Goodhue of Salem, Mass., was elected a member March 21, 1898, and died Feb. 13, 1918.

Mrs. Emma F. Hayward of Salem, Mass., was elected a member July 6, 1914, and died Jan. 6, 1918.

Joseph Henderson of Lexington, Mass., was elected a member July 15, 1895, and died July, 1916.

William P. McMullan of Salem, Mass., was elected a member April 16, 1894, and died Feb. 21, 1918.

Hon. George von L. Meyer of Boston, Mass., was elected a member Dec. 3, 1894, and died March 9, 1918.

Benjamin Percival of Lynn, Mass., was elected a member Jan. 4, 1904, and died Sept. 20, 1917.

Mrs. Harriet E. Pingree of Wenham, Mass., was elected a member March 18, 1895, and died June 20, 1915.

Mrs. G. K. Sabine of Brookline, Mass., was elected a member July 15, 1895, and died May 15, 1917.

Samuel W. Torrey, M. D., of Beverly, Mass., was elected a member Jan. 1, 1906, and died Jan. 1, 1918.

Prof. Winslow Upton of Providence, R. I., a corresponding member, died Jan. 8, 1914.

Daniel A. Varney of Salem, Mass., was elected a member May 2, 1910, and died June 14, 1917.

George Wheatland, Jr., of Salem, Mass., was elected a member Feb. 7, 1898, and died May 7, 1917.

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DONATIONS AND EXCHANGES.

LIBRARY.

Donations or exchanges have been received from the following sources:

	Vol.	Pam.
Advance, The,		2
Almy, Mrs. Emma S.,	Posters.	
Alpha Portland Cement Co., Easton, Pa.		1
American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Boston,		9
American Antiquarian Society, Worcester,	Newspaper.	1
American Art Galleries, New York, N. Y.,		8
American Association of Museums,	1	2
American Branch of the Association for International Conciliation, New York, N. Y.,		11
American Catholic Historical Society, Philadelphia, Pa.,		4
American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief, New York, N. Y.,	Posters.	
American Congregational Association,		1
American Geographical Society, New York, N. Y.,		12
American-Hellenic Society, New York, N. Y.,		1
American Historical Association, Washington, D. C.,	1	14
American Irish Historical Society, New York, N. Y.,		4
American Iron and Steel Institute, New York, N. Y.,		5
American Museum of Natural History, New York, N. Y.		9
American Library Association, Washington, D. C.,	Posters,	5
American Numismatic Society, New York, N. Y.,		1
American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, Pa.,		9
American Red Cross, N. E. Division,		6
American Society for Judicial Settlement of International Disputes, Baltimore, Md.,		1
American Steel & Wire Co., Chicago, Ill.,	Circulars,	27
Americas, The,		7
Amherst Agricultural College,		5
Amherst College,		5

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	Vol.	Pam.
Andover Theological Seminary, Cambridge,		1
Appalachian Mountain Club,		1
Archer, William, London,	1	3
Army Recruiting Station, Worcester, Recruiting Posters.		
Ashton, Joseph N.,	1	
Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., Jersey City, N. J., Posters.		
Austin, John Osborne, Jaffrey, N. H.,		1
Bacon, Rev. Theodore D., Programs.		
Basel, Naturforschende Gesellschaft,		1
Batchelder, Henry M., Posters, Circulars, etc.		7
Batchelder, Samuel F., Boston,	1	
Batson, Benjamin B. F., Lynn, Programs.		
Baylor University, Waco, Texas,		4
Belknap, Henry W., Posters, Cards,	1	58
Bell, Alexander Graham, Washington, D. C.,	1	
Bird, J. A. & W., & Co., Boston, Circulars,		3
Boston Athenaeum, Postage Stamps.		
Boston, Cemetery Department,		1
Boston, City Auditor,		2
Boston, Commissioner of Public Records,	2	1
Boston, First National Bank, Circulars,		4
Boston Museum of Fine Arts,		5
Boston Port and Seamen's Aid Society,		1
Boston Public Library,		5
Boston, Recruiting District of, Posters.		
Bostonian Society,	1	
Bowditch, Ernest W., Boston, Maps.		
Bowdoin College,		5
Boxford, Town of,		1
Briggs, Dr. L. Vernon, Boston,	1	33
Brookline, Town Clerk,	2	
Brooklyn (N. Y.) Institute of Arts and Sciences,		6
Brooklyn Trust Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.	1	
Brooks, The Misses,	7	35
Brown, Ephraim, Lowell, Chart.		
Brown, Henry Collins, New York, N. Y.,	1	
Brown University,		1
Browne, Mrs. Edward C., Program.		
Buffalo (N. Y.) Historical Society,	2	1
Buffalo (N. Y.) Public Library,		1
Bureau of Railway Economics, Washington, D. C.		11
Burgess, John E., Boston,	1	
Buxton, Mrs. Henry H., Peabody, Handbills.		
Calcutta, Geological Survey of India,		2

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	Vol.	Pam.
Calcutta, Imperial Department of Agriculture in India		1
California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco,		9
California Society, Sons of the Revolution,		1
California, University of, ... Circulars,	1	38
Caliga, Isaac H.,	25	
Cambridge (Eng.) Philosophical Society,		1
Canadian Entomologist,		12
Carbonnel, Emile, New York, N. Y.,	1	
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, D. C.	1	2
Carpenter, Rev. C. C., Andover,		1
Carr, William F., ... Broadside.		
Cary Descendants, Boston,		1
Cassino Publishing Company,		12
Cate, Miss Carrie Q., Danvers,	27	4
Chamber of Commerce News,		1
Chapman, William O., ... Posters.		
Chase, Clorinde,		4
Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, N. Y.,		1
Cheney, Mrs. Louis Richmond, . . . Chart.		
Cheney, William A., Los Angeles, Cal.,	2	
Chicago (Ill.) School of Civics and Philanthropy,		6
Children's Island Sanitarium, Marblehead,		1
Children's Museum of Boston,		3
Choate, Estate of David, M. D.,	3	
Choate, Mrs. Joseph H., Stockbridge,	1	
Church Home Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Boston,		1
Church Militant,		7
Clark, Miss Elizabeth H., Boston, . Broadsides,	3	6
Clark, Harold T., Cleveland, O.,		2
Clark University,		1
Cleveland (O.) Museum of Art,		22
Colby, William R.,	1	
Collector,		1
Colonial Society of Massachusetts,	1	
Colorado College,		5
Columbia University, New York, N. Y.,		33
Commission for Relief in Belgium, New York, N. Y. Posters.		
Committee of Public Information, Washington, D. C.		4
Conant, Benjamin H., Wenham,		1
Conant, Henry T.,		1

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	Vol.	Pam.
Conference of Historical Societies, Phila., Pa., . .		1
Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences, New Haven, Ct., ...		3
Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, Ct., . .	7	5
Connecticut State Library, Hartford, Ct., Broadsides,	5	3
Copenhagen, National Museum, ...		1
Copley Gallery, Boston, ...		1
Council of National Defense, Washington, D. C., . . Circulars,		1
Current Affairs, ...		51
Danvers Historical Society, ...	1	1
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Bowditch, Ernest W., Boston. Wooden water-pipe joint, tile from sidewalk, Washington street, Salem.

Bradlee, Francis B. C., Marblehead. "Eastern Railroad" buttons.

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Brown, Miss A. B. $40 Continental bill, Sept. 26, 1778, issue.

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Burgess, John E., Boston. Photographs, sextant, carved block from the cornice of the steeple of the East Church, Salem.

Buxton, Mrs. Henry H., Peabody. Pewter beaker, shoe bench and shoemaker's tools, surveyor's chain, sickle, seed sower, rolling pin, bread toaster, 2 yarn reels, needlework picture, fireboard, baskets, old shoes and rubbers, pottery, kitchen knives, forks and spoons, table, tin pans and pieces of hand woven cloth.

Carroll, Mrs. Charles. Wall paper from the Cook-Oliver house, Salem.

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Chamberlain, Misses Mary B. and Ada. Lustre sprig cup plate.

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Choate, David, M. D., Estate of. Photographs of famous physicians, pair of gold scales with set of weights, 2 horizontal thermometers—mercury and spirit.

Clark, Miss Elizabeth H., Boston. Fire pan for carrying coals, lignum-vitae pestle, painted French fan with bone sticks, nightcap marked "J. C." (Jacob Crowninshield), embroidered satin vest, velvet vest, clergyman's bands, probably Doctor Bentley's, pieces of copperplate and patch, small sampler marked "W. P. C.," beaded silk pocket, white braided silk pocket, braided steel reticule or pocket, hand woven linen clothes bag marked "Jacob Crowninshield, 1774," corded bed quilt, needlework pocketbook, tortoise shell comb, netting needles, thorn used as a pin, skein of raw silk grown on the Crowninshield farm at Danvers in 1824, tortoiseshell side combs, rose enamel Chinese bowl, oval Chinese lacquer tea caddie marked "W. B." (William Bentley), miniature portrait of James Tytler painted by Miss Hannah Crowninshield, pitchers, mugs, etc.

Colby, William R. Colt's revolver and holster carried in the Civil War by Lieut. James M. Safford of Portland, Maine.

Coleman, Miss Laura. Portrait of Benjamin Coleman by Osgood.

Creamer, George G. Cast iron dies, cast iron ornament, leather shaving case containing pewter soap dish and three razors.

Eaton, Mrs. W. R., Cambridge. Rogers group, "Courtship in Sleepy Hollow."

Fessenden, Miss Anna. Cupping instrument used by Doctor Fessenden.

Folsom, Mrs. Bessie D., Dorchester. Patchwork cover, linen waist, handkerchiefs, infant's cap, collars, embroidered white silk stockings, children's slippers, child's waist, child's shirt with crocheted lace at the neck, plaid silk work bag, nightshirt marked "Lieut. R. Derby," pleated bosom shirt, children's dresses, piece of dress, child's apron and pair of pantalets worn by Richard Derby in 1837, child's white cotton waist, wax doll, dressed, and extra doll's dress and straw hat, pewter tablespoon before 1800, 7 colored maps drawn by Richard Derby while at school.

Frost, Miss Florence E., Litchfield, Conn. Shoulder-handkerchief, journal and commonplace book kept by Elizabeth H. Cleveland, 1824-1848, 2 wax candles from North Carolina said to have been made during the Civil War.

Frost, Mrs. Kate N. Fan from England.

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Grant, Miss Maria. 3 daguerreotypes, 1 butter knife.

Glover, G. H. 7 copper coins, 2 silver coins, 1 brass Fremont medal, 1 copper weight.

Gould, Miss Grace B., Roxbury. Civil War flag which belonged to E. H. Staten of Salem, captain of the 7th Regiment (Infantry).

Green, Mrs. Emma H. 2 paintings on glass in Chinese frames.

Hall, Mrs. Henry G., Magnolia. Silver tablespoon made by Paul Revere and engraved "In memory of Elizabeth Hill," silver cup said to have been part of a service of silver presented to Sir William Pepperell by the City of London.

Harlow, Arthur F., Boston. Photographs of Hon. Thomas Fitch and his wife Abiel (Danforth).

Harris, Mrs. Charles E. 1 pair buckles, 2 pairs pewter spectacles.

Hazard, Mrs. Thomas G., Narragansett Pier, R. I. Foot band used in making net about 1850.

Heagney, Frank M. Grape shot dug up during excavations in Hawthorne Place, 1917; 2 copper coins from Hayti.

Heagney, John A. Helmet, Salem Veteran Firemen's Association.

Hickey, Miss Elizabeth. Framed cross of wax flowers made about 1870.

Jacobs, Mrs. Mary Ellis, Danvers. Vase or mantel ornament, figure of a Turk.

Jenkins, Lawrence W. 3 pressed glass cup plates, boxes, razors, razor strops, knives, buttons, medals, etc.

Kimball, Miss Mary A. 2 snuff boxes, shell handle nail-cleaner, box from Isle of France, beaded bracelets, pearl pocketbook, memorandum-book.

King, Mrs. J. A., Peabody. 2 pressed glass cup plates.

Knight, Miss E. E. Brick from Knight house, Salem, picture of house by Miss Abbie A. Knight.

Knight, Mrs. E. F. Wooden velocipede used about 1870.

Knutsford, Mrs. Lucy, Rockport. Japanned comb holder, willow basket.

Larkin, C. E., Georgetown. 2 pieces of 3-cent scrip.

Larkin, Charles D., Georgetown. 25-cent script issue by L. H. Bateman of Georgetown, Jan. 1, 1863.

Lawrence, Emery, Hamilton. Small painted trunk.

Lee, Mrs. Francis H. Tall bandbox, horse and chaise made by Miss Margaret Rantoul of Salem about 1900, 3 Japanese teapots, silver punch ladle, part of the wedding silver of Mrs. Love (Orne) Paine, daughter of Timothy Orne, print-bordered handkerchief, 12 glass slides for magic lantern

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before 1800, 2 clusters of coral hair decorations, silver plated tea strainer, shell chain bracelet with locket, souvenir child's A B C plates, "Victoria and Albert" and "Aston Hall, Birmingham," Oriental Lowestoft cup and saucer, green Staffordshire bowl, stamped leather card-case, bone ring cut for Francis H. Lee during the Civil War by a soldier at Newberne, N. C., unmounted Florentine mosaic, mother of pearl belt decoration marked "*—Bethlehem," carnelian cameo pin and pair of earrings mounted in gold filagree, framed plaster medallion of the Virgin Mary and of the Virgin and Child brought from the West Indies, daguerreotype of Dr. Wiliam Paine (1750-1833), 2 small models of King Edward's coronation chair, doll's silk cape, silver and gilt card tray containing twelve painted medallions, 4 pieces of paper money, badge, Columbian Exposition souvenir, hand-made spike, sampler brought from Antigua, Queen Victoria coronation anniversary bundle handkerchief, California State Exposition medal, San Francisco, 1915.

Lord, Eben S. Pewter shaving soap and brush box made by Benjamin Trask of Salem, iron tool and timber marker.

Loring, Mrs. A. P., Prides Crossing. Blue silk dress worn by Mrs. Eliza Endicott (Peabody), wife of George Augustus Gardner, about 1870-71.

Lummus, Judge Henry T., Lynn. 8 razor cases, 3 strops.

McMullan, Mrs. William P. Portrait of William McMullan by Osgood, large Persian rug, fancy box with 2 wooden dolls, dressed, Indian (purse?), Chinese embroidered silk shawl, Indian face mask, 2 Indian bags, embroidered spread, 3 head kerchiefs, 1 silk, 1 cotton and 1 gauze, 2 pieces of dark blue gauze fabric, 1 piece of yellow silk fabric, 1 piece of red striped silk and cotton fabric, 1 gauze scarf, 1 pair of cotton socks, 1 piece of red gauze fabric, 1 piece mohair fabric.

Mahoney, James N. Roman mosaic breastpin.

Merrill, W. C., Peabody. Rogers group, "The Peddler at the Fair."

Missud, Mrs. Jean M. Walnut bookcase.

Morse, —— Portland, Maine. 2 framed lithographs by Gilbert.

Newhall, Miss Mary Elizabeth. Town crier's hand bell used before 1851 by William Newhall, town crier of Salem, brown and white platter, Rogers group, "Fugitive's Story."

Newton, Miss G. L. Miner's lamp.

Paull, Miss Florence V., Boston. Patchwork quilt, "The Mariner's Compass" and "Eight-pointed star."

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Peck, Mrs. W. F., Danvers. Uniform worn by Lieut. W. F. Peck while commanding the Salem Cadets.

Perkins, Miss Mary B. Large round basket, Indian weave, large japanned tray, brass kettle, 2 leather fire buckets, small iron tray, 18-inch pewter platter, male and female figures made of sheet cotton, 6 hair brooches, beaded chain, 1 ring.

Perkins, Thomas, Danvers. 2 French alarm clocks, 1 boot jack.

Philbrick, Miss Eliza. First cotton spun by machinery in the country at the Beverly Cotton Mill, before 1790, framed worsted-work wreath made on haircloth by Miss Helen Philbrick about 1858, clinker brick from the Prince house of Salem, 3 quills (1 with pen point), cone of Sequoia Gigantea (Big Tree), piece of cornice molding from Governor Mason's house in Virginia in 1869, piece of wood from the Old North Bridge, Concord, Mass., piece of sash from Pohick Church, Accotink, Va., formerly called "Truro Parish," where Washington and family attended, 1869.

Pickering, Miss Mary. Camera obscura with views, 2 split ash baskets, lunch basket, print dress, sage-green silk skirt lined with cotton batting.

Price, Miss Grace H. Certificate of membership in the Society of Mayflower Descendants of Anna Ropes Graves.

Putnam, Mrs. George H., North Reading. Pressed glass cup plate.

Rankine, Mrs. M. F., Boston. Rogers group, "Ha! I like not that."

Robinson, John. Pack of playing cards showing Gloucester views, 2 glass demijohns used for wine.

Rogers, Mrs. John, New Canaan, Conn. 2 Rogers groups, "The Slave Auction" and "Mail Time."

Ropes, Col. Charles F. Badge worn at the dedication of the First Heavy Artillery memorial tablet, Salem, Oct. 4, 1912.

Ropes, Miss Lucy. Marquetry box.

Ropes, Miss Mary F., Louisville, Kentucky. Chinese sword made of coins.

Ropes, Miss Phebe, Danvers. Pressed glass cup plate.

Ropes, Willis H. Pottery milk pan, brown glaze jug, stoneware bottle, shell hairpin, cream ware cup, decorated tin case, cards of "Yankee" matches, brasses, cut glass bellpull, Macramé lace bag, 3 spirit glasses, 1 egg glass, 2 blown glass bottles, card game, "Scripture History" published by W. & S. B. Ives, B. & M. R. R. lantern and globes, whale oil lantern, pair of handcuffs, baskets, 4 wrought iron skewers, soap dish, etc.

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Saunders, Miss Mary T. Visiting cards used by Mrs. J. P. Saunders and Miss Mary A. Saunders.

Sawyer, Fred E. Replica of Edison's first incandescent lamp.

Smart, Mrs. Charles H., Peabody. 3 nightcaps, square lantern, 2 pieces "patch," piece of printed cotton from Stimpson house.

Smiley, Miss M. S., Brookline. Pewter sun dial, wooden canteen.

Smith, A. A. Skewer rack with five skewers.

Smith, H. G., Boston. 2 Masonic jewels.

Southworth, Mrs. K. L., Peabody. Opaque glass pepper shaker, stamped iron snuff box, whale ivory jogging wheel, whale ivory three-tined fork, implement for splitting palm leaves, snuff box, thimble, toy glass mug.

Stackpole, Mrs. Edward, Eau Gallie, Fla. Cashmere shawl.

Stearns, Mrs. George L., Boston. Beaded mat.

Stickney, Walter J. Razor.

Stone, Miss Catharine D. 3 ambrotypes, 2 wrought iron chest hinges.

Swan, Charles C., Lowell. Sole of oak-tanned leather.

Tarr, Mrs. Laura, Rockport. Pressed glass cup plate.

Thaxter, Miss Amelia R. 18 fancy china buttons on a card.

Thompson, E. Ward, Cambridge. Chinese hair ornament, jewels and enamel.

Trask, Miss M. Alice, Danvers. Old balance scales, sickle.

Very, Nathaniel T. Tower musket, fireman's staff, small leather-covered hand trunk.

Vietor, Mrs. Ernest G., New York. Wedding dress and vest.

Waters, Miss Mary D. 2 Staffordshire pitchers, Oriental Lowestoft cream pitcher, purple glass mug, 2 Lowestoft teacups, Staffordshire bowl, sugar bowl, cup and saucer, covered vegetable dish and old pressed glass perfumery bottle.

Waters, William C. Waters family cradle, small leather trunk, 12 paintings and photographs, game, 2 Chinese lacquer boat-shaped objects.

Waters, Mrs. William F. Pressed glass cup plate, yellow glaze pottery milk pan, modern Japanese platter, brown Staffordshire platter, snuffers and japanned tray, cut glass whale oil handlamp, silver lustre sugar bowl, gold band Staffordshire teapot, painted spray Staffordshire teapot and sugar bowl, Oriental Lowestoft tea caddie, Lowestoft teacup, split ash work basket, Chinese lacquer tea caddie, membership certificate of William Roberts in the Washington Total Abstinence Society of Salem and regalia worn by him when an officer of the society, pair of child's gum rubber shoes worn about 1850.

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Whipple, Charles L. Small bottle with cartridges inside, pod auger.

Whipple, Everett. Pair of silver-bowed spectacles before 1800, blacking bottle.

Whipple, Miss Marion C., Campello. Bohemian red glass tray and decanter.

Whipple, The Misses. Brown glass bottle.

White, Hon. A. P. Cane carried by E. P. Cassell, the famous caterer, tin chocolate molds from the Gideon Foster mill at South Danvers.

Wilkins, Mrs. Sarah E. Hair wreath in a shell frame, pressed glass cup plate, Lowestoft teacup, patch bed hangings, trimming used on the Lowell stage coach driven by Thomas Adams about 1840 between Salem and Lowell.

Williams, C. E. Wooden pattern for shoe sole.

Woodbury, Miss Georgiana S., Gloucester. Set of child's building blocks, set of alphabet blocks, 2 ninepins, tin coal hod, box of pillow lace bobbins and three pattern strips, small ornamental box, butter tester, snuff box, doll's hoop skirt, toy locomotive, toy locomotive with two cars, bottles, stoppers, Lowestoft cup and saucer, Worcester cup and saucer, Lowestoft helmet pitcher, glass mug, glass bottle, Staffordshire figure of Spanish dancer, covered basket, hatchell with wooden cover, wooden box of bobbins and spool, osier basket covered, tall bandbox, man's blue and white frock, large piece of printed India cotton and roll of small pieces, pair of white cotton trousers, one leg from pair of buckskin military breeches, 2 pleated linen shirts, 2 turnover collars and 2 turnover cuffs, 2 pairs of pantalets, pair brown striped cotton trousers, pair of white cotton stockings, white (piqué) dress.

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Appleton, William Sumner	1896	Morse, Willard S.	1915
Bowditch, Ernest W.	1904	Peabody, John E.	1881
Codman, Miss Martha C.	1909	Phillips, Stephen Willard	1902
Codman, Ogden	1915	Pingree, David	1870
Edes, Henry H.	1886	Proctor, James H.	1897
Emmerton, Miss Caroline O.	1894	Proctor, Thomas Emerson	1907
Fletcher, Horace	1894	Ropes, Miss Elizabeth	1916
Gardner, Mrs. John L.	1895	Ropes, Rev. James Hardy	1915
Gray, Russell,	1917	Ropes, Willis H.	1894
Gray, Russell	1917	Sawyer, Bertram Hatch	1910
Greenlaw, Mrs. Lucy Hall	1895	Shattuck, Mrs. George H.	1894
Hemenway, Augustus	1894	Sohier, William D.	1896
Lee, Mrs. Francis H.	1876	Wetmore, G. Peabody	1894

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Battle, Kemp P.
Bean, Tarleton H.
Bell, Alexander Graham.
Bolles, Rev. Edwin C., D.D.
Briggs, L. Vernon.
Cembrano, F. M.
Chew, Samuel.
Clark, Bishop Thomas M.
Cresson, Ezra T.
Crowell, E. Payson.
Dall, William H.
Damon, Robert.
De Roax, William.
Fewkes, J. Walter.
Goodale, George L.
Green, Samuel A., M.D.
Hall, Elihu.
Hart, Charles Henry.
Johnston, Christopher.
Kellogg, A.
Kilham, Rodney A.
Kimball, James P.
Lodge, Henry Cabot.
Lovett, Thomas D.
Marshall, George W.
Pickering, Edward C.
Pumpelly, Raphael.
Samuelson, James.
Smith, J. Challenor.
Smith, S. I.
Verrill, Addison E.
Wilder, Bert G.
Wright, George F.

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Abbot, Walter L.	1894	Allen, Charles F.	1894
Adams Philip W.	1916	Allen, George H.	1888
Adams, Rufus D.	1916	Allen, George L.	1908
Albree, Edward C.	1898	Almy, Mrs. Emma S.	1907
Albree, John	1898	Anderson, Elbridge R.	1906

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Andrews, Clement W. 1895
Annable, H. C. 1916
Annable, Irving K. 1907
Appleton, Miss Fanny C. 1908
Appleton, Francis Henry 1870
Appleton, Francis Randall 1917
Appleton, Mrs. Francis Randall 1917
Appleton, Joseph F. 1901
Arrington, Philip P. P. 1917
Ashton, Joseph N. 1896
Atherton, Horace H., Jr. 1913
Atkinson, Miss A. Grace 1917
Averill, Arthur L. 1896
Baker, William H. 1911
Balch, Franklin G., M.D. 1916
Ballard, Waldo Peter 1913
Bancroft, Robert H. 1894
Barker, Mrs. Annie C. 1911
Barker, William G. 1894
Bartlett, Mrs. Elizabeth French, 1917
Bartol, Miss Elizabeth H. 1895
Barton, J. Webb 1917
Batchelder, Henry M. 1879
Batchelder, James C. 1910
Batchelder, Samuel H. 1914
Bayley, Frank W. 1916
Beals, Harry M. 1914
Belknap, Henry W. 1907
Benson, Arthur F. 1891
Benson, Frank W. 1894
Benson, Henry P. 1916
Bickford, John H. 1899
Bigelow, Mrs. Alvah 1915
Bigelow, Walter K. 1869
Bingham, Miss Clarissa A. 1915
Bixby, Henry M. 1907
Blaney, Dwight 1890
Blaney, Mrs. Dwight 1894
Boardman, T. Dennie 1895
Bosshart, John H. 1916
Bowditch, Charles P. 1894
Bowdoin, Mrs. Lucy H. 1876
Boyden, Roland W. 1899
Bradlee, Francis B. C. 1908
Bredeen, Miss Martha A. 1910
Breed, Charles Norcross 1913
Bridgman, Lewis J. 1893
Brigham, Lincoln Forbes 1901
Bronson, Rev. Oliver Hart 1917
Brooks, Miss Alice Flint 1900
Brooks, Frank A. 1917
Brooks, Miss Jenny 1913
Brooks, Miss Margarette W., 1898
Brooks, Stephen D., M.D. 1897
Broughton, John G. 1914
Brown, Miss Ellen A. 1915
Brown, Francis 1913
Brown, Frank A. 1882
Brown, J. Clarke 1907
Browne, Mrs. Charlotte C. 1895
Browning, John F. 1893
Bushby, Fred W. 1907
Caliga, I. H. 1908
Carlton, Frank C., M.D. 1908
Carroll, Charles, D.D.S. 1917
Cass, William F. 1894
Cate, Frederick 1912
Chamberlain, Mrs. Louise O., 1907
Chamberlain, William C. 1910
Chaney, Rev. George L. 1901
Chapman, Miss Charlotte E. 1904
Chapman, Francis N. 1874
Chapman, John Alden 1909
Chapman, William O. 1885
Chapman, Mrs. William O. 1904
Chase, Miss Charlotte F. 1914
Chisholm, Wallace A. 1894
Choate, William G. 1894
Clark, Miss Elizabeth H. 1898
Clarke, Arthur A. 1911
Cogswell, Mrs. Mary A. 1908
Colby, William R. 1895
Cole, Albert E. 1894
Cole, Leland H. 1894
Conant, Harry A. 1913
Conant, William M., M.D. 1916
Connolly, Thomas D. 1914
Cotting, Charles E. 1896
Couch, Lester S. 1914
Cousins, Frank 1886
Cowen, William B. 1917
Creamer, George Gardner 1911
Creamer, Walter Howard 1906
Crowninshield, Bowdoin B. 1900
Crowninshield, Francis B. 1904
Curtis, Charles P. 1916
Curwen, Mrs. Ada L. 1911
Cushman, Miss Alice 1896
Cushman, Herbert E. 1915
Cutter, Louis F. 1905
Czubek, Rev. Joseph J. 1917
Daland, John 1915

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Dane, Mrs. Chester L. 1895
Darling, Henry E. 1912
Davis, J. Morton 1913
Deland, Charles E. 1915
Dennis, Albert W. 1897
Derby, Arthur 1910
Desaulniers, Clement C. 1916
d'Este, Julian 1894
Devereux, Miss Marian S. 1897
Dexter, W. Endicott 1916
Dockham, Reuben E. 1915
Dodge, Chester P. 1916
Dodge, Miss Frances T. 1913
Dole, Miss Ellen M. 1908
Donahue, Dan A. 1907
Donaldson, J. Frank, M.D. 1912
Draper, Miss Annie C. 1895
Dresser, Elmer A. 1913
Driver, William R. 1888
Duren, Mrs. Charles M. 1908
Earle, Miss Emma F. 1908
Eaton, Miss Betsey W. 1904
Elwell, Stanley Bruce 1915
Emery, Miss Lena C. 1906
Emilio, Luis F. 1894
Endicott, Miss Anna G. 1898
Endicott, William 1895
Endicott, William C. 1894
Endicott, Mrs. William C. 1894
Endicott, Madam William C., 1916
Entwisle, J. Clifford 1893
Etheridge, Mrs. John E. 1917
Fabens, B. Louis 1894
Fabens, Eugene J. 1910
Fabens, Frank P. 1894
Fabens, Miss Marie E. 1907
Fanning, Walter G., D.D.S. 1911
Farrell, Hugh F. E. 1897
Farrington, Mrs. George B. 1914
Farwell, Herbert C. 1916
Faunce, Carlos P. 1914
Felt, John P. 1894
Felton, William S. 1902
Fenno, Mrs. Lawrence Carteret, 1917
Fenno, Thomas Irving 1912
Files, Miss Lucy W. 1893
Flint, John C. 1910
Follansbee, Horace S. 1906
Foote, Arthur 1894
Forness, Arthur A. 1894
Foster, Charles H. W. 1896
Fowler, Albert B. 1911
Fowler, Charles B. 1906
Fox, Charles W. 1895
Frye, David 1918
Fuller, George W. 1894
Fuller, Henry O. 1894
Fuller, Mrs. S. Richard 1895
Gannon, Fred A. 1908
Gardner, Frank A., M.D. 1898
Gardner, George Peabody, Jr., 1917
Gardner, Miss Lucie M. 1911
Gauss, John D. H. 1907
George, Harold W. 1913
Gifford, Harry P. 1915
Gifford, Josiah H. 1898
Gilbert, Shepard D. 1894
Girdler, John H. 1912
Goldsmith, Chester A. 1911
Goodell, Zina 1894
Goodhue, Samuel V. 1894
Goodhue, Mrs. Sarah C. 1902
Gordon, Frank E. 1912
Gove, William H. 1882
Grant, Miss Caroline L. 1908
Grant, George W. 1894
Gray, Miss Katharine M. 1911
Hale, Henry A. 1891
Hale, Willard J. 1893
Hall, Walter F. 1916
Harlow, Arthur F. 1896
Harrington, Mrs. Henry 1888
Harris, Charles E. 1909
Harris, George M. 1879
Harris, Howard P. 1894
Harris, Howard S. 1916
Harris, Walter C. 1894
Henderson, Miss Florence M., 1901
Higginson, Francis L. 1894
Higginson, Henry L. 1916
Hill, Rev. James L. 1894
Hill, Robert E. 1907
Hill, Robert W. 1916
Hills, Francis Lowell 1915
Hills, Mrs. Francis Lowell 1913
Hines, Ezra D. 1874
Holmes, Oliver Wendell 1894
Hood, Ernest N. 1901
Hood, Frederick G. 1901
Horton, William A. 1893
Howe, Joseph S. 1894
Howe, Thorndike Dudley 1917
Hubon, William P. 1897

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Huntington, Miss S. Louisa 1881
Hutchinson, Horace F. 1910
Hyde, George L. 1916
Hyde, William L. 1894
Ives, Mrs. Oscar J. 1905
Jelly, William M. 1894
Jenkins, Lawrence W. 1895
Jenkins, Mrs. Lawrence W. 1901
Jewett, George R. 1874
Johnson, Rev. Edward Dunbar, 1911
Johnson, Emery Walter 1895
Johnson, Samuel A. 1894
Jones, Gardner M. 1889
Jones, Mrs. Gardner M. 1898
Kelsey, Harlan P. 1906
Kimball, David P. 1894
King, Miss Annie F. 1897
King, D. Webster 1895
Kittredge, Thomas, M.D. 1894
Knight, Frederick B. 1918
Lander, Miss Helen D. 1894
Lantz, Christian 1906
Lash, David Chapman 1914
Laws, Frank A. 1902
Leach, Osborne 1909
Leavitt, James A. 1894
Lee, Thomas Amory 1914
Leighton, Orlando S. 1915
Lindsey, Benjamin J. 1912
Little, Arthur 1894
Little, David M. 1886
Little, Mrs. David M. 1886
Little, Miss Marguerite 1916
Little, Philip 1900
Locke, Frank E. 1894
Longley, Edmund W. 1909
Looney, Michael 1908
Lord, George R. 1894
Loring, Augustus P. 1894
Loring, Miss Katherine P. 1916
Loring, Miss Louisa P. 1916
Loring, William Caleb 1917
Lougee, Arthur L. 1914
Lovett, Miss Annie Foster 1899
Low, Seth F. 1894
Lowe, Miss Cora A. 1916
Mack, John J. 1909
Mackintosh, Richards B. 1898
Mahoney, Robert Muhlig 1903
Manchester, Rev. Alfred 1893
Mansfield, George W. 1917
Mansfield, Miss Harriet E. 1895
Marden, Charles F. 1910
Matthews, Nathan 1912
Merrill, Charles W. 1906
Merrill, William A. 1914
Merritt, Henry A. 1916
Metcalf, Charles A. 1911
Milburn, Rev. Ulysses S. 1914
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Missud, Jean M. 1882
Monks, George H., M.D. 1916
Morant, Philip H. 1913
Moriarty, G. Andrews, Jr. 1909
Morrison, Archibald 1908
Morse, Albert P. 1914
Morse, Edward S. 1864
Morse, John G. 1891
Morse, John T., Jr. 1895
Morse, Robert M. 1895
Moseley, Charles W. 1895
Motley, Mrs. E. Preble 1917
Moustakis, Constantine C., 1915
Nason, Benjamin F. 1912
Neal, William S. 1894
Needham, Alfred C. 1902
Nevins, Winfield S. 1877
Newcomb, George F. 1911
Newell, Frank F. 1906
Newhall, Milo A. 1910
Nichols, Andrew 1904
Nichols, Miss Martha 1917
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Norris, Miss M. Marion 1916
Northend, Miss Mary H. 1903
Northey, Edward A. 1905
Northey, William E. 1914
Nourse, John W. 1894
O'Brien, Daniel E. 1918
O'Keefe, John A. 1887
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Ordway, Alfred A. 1908
Osborn, Lyman P. 1896
Osborne, Arthur A. 1915
Osborne, Miss Ethel B. 1912
Osgood, Mrs. Charles S. 1899
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Osgood, Miss Elizabeth S. 1900
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Packard, Henry W. 1916
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Perley, Sidney	1879
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Price, Frank S.	1917
Price, Joseph	1894
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Robson, John C.	1907
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Smith, Fred A.	1914
Smith, Henry P.	1898
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Spencer, John E.	1906
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Stafford, Morgan H.	1918
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Stopford, William	1907
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Stuart, Willoughby Herbert, Jr. 1916
Sullivan, Mrs. Elizabeth M. B., 1916
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Symonds, Stillman G. 1894
Tapley, Miss Harriet S. 1915
Tapley, Henry F. 1895
Tarr, Arthur Myron 1914
Tassinari, Miss Mary M. 1903
Taylor, Charles H., Jr. 1905
Taylor, Mrs. Ida Lynde 1909
Taylor, Miss Marion 1917
Thaxter, Miss Amelia R. 1908
Thayer, Edward S. 1865
Thompson, Alvah P. 1914
Thomson, Elihu 1894
Thorndike, John L. 1896
Thoron, Ward 1904
Thoron, Mrs. Ward 1917
Timberlake, Miss Annie F. 1912
Torrey, Miss Ruth L. 1914
Towne, Mrs. George W. 1912
Trefry, William D. T. 1894
Trumbull, Edward B. 1894
Tuckerman, Bayard 1917
Tuckerman, Mrs. Bayard 1917
Upton, Mrs. Daniel 1895
Upton, King 1894
Very, Nathaniel T. 1907
Vickery, George A. 1894
Wardwell, Miss Clara P. 1908
Wardwell, Hon. Henry 1894
Warner, Miss Annie L. 1898
Washburn, Calvin R. 1894
Waters, Miss Alice G. 1898
Waters, William C. 1893
Watson, Thomas A. 1906
Webb, Mrs. Annie B. 1894
Webb, Arthur N. 1916
Webber, Harry E. 1914
Weir, Rev. Howard R. 1918
West, Arthur W. 1880
West, Miss Emma C. 1898
West, George 1912
West, Mrs. William C. 1894
Wetmore, Frank U. 1917
Wheatland, Richard 1893
Wheatland, Mrs. Stephen G. 1886
Wheeler, Mrs. Annie M. 1908
Wheeler, Ezborn 1917
Wheeler, Harry D. 1912
Wheeler, Mrs. Harry D. 1912
Whipple, Albert I. 1894
Whipple, Everett 1895
Whipple, George N. 1896
Whipple, Henry 1916
Whipple, Stephen L. 1909
White, Alden P. 1884
White, E. Lawrence 1917
White, Mrs. McDonald E. 1905
Whitehouse, Francis M. 1896
Whitney, Charles F. 1906
Whitwell, Mrs. F. A. 1894
Wilder, Frank J. 1916
Willson, Miss Alice B. 1896
Willson, Miss Lucy B. 1895
Willson, Robert W. 1894
Wilson, Miss Janet H. 1904
Wolkins, George G. 1903
Wood, Frank 1915
Wood, Miss Naomi 1917
Woodbury, Miss Abbie K. 1907
Woodbury, Ezra L. 1907
Woodbury, Joseph G. 1916
Woodbury, Miss Mary L. 1917
Woodman, Fred R. 1901
Woodman, Willard W. 1905
Wormstead, Joseph S. 1905
Young, James, Jr. 1914

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